

Pricing Authority (NPPA) has not received any reference regarding sudden increase in the price of Paracetamol by 40% and Azithromycin by 70% in the country.

Toxic chemicals in the products imported from China

‡3110. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has banned the import of chocolates, candies, confectionery, milk and milk-made food products from China; and

(b) whether any toxic chemical is found in the said products being imported from China, which is extremely harmful for human health, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Since 24 September, 2008 import of milk and milk products from China is prohibited. Since 1st December, 2008, import prohibition from China was extended to chocolates and chocolate products and candies/confectionary/food preparations with milk and milk solids as an ingredient. Since then import prohibition of the above items from China has been extended from time to time and continues even now.

(b) Does not arise in view of the ban on import of such products from China since 2008.

New tea auction centre in Assam

3111. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is going to set up a new tea auction centre in Assam, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the total number of tea auction centres in India and the quantity they auction per day, along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Tea Auction Centres are established on the basis of their viability and significance for the tea growers and dealers of the region. Views of stakeholders, including the State Governments, are obtained to study the feasibility and sustainability

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of the auction centre. Presently, there are six tea auction centres in India viz. Kolkata, Siliguri, Guwahati, Coonoor, Coimbatore and Cochin. The details of average quantity of tea offered and sold (per day) through the different Auction Centres are given in the following Table:—

Name of the Auction Centre	Per Day average of Tea Offered (Kgs.) 2019	Per Day Average of Tea Sold (Kgs.) 2019
Kolkata	1759171.39	1303853.92
Guwahati	1897811.50	1391490.61
Siliguri	1500799.96	1140536.82
Cochin	594930.13	466179.22
Coonoor	752175.26	613556.26
Coimbatore	378675.26	263105.92
TOTAL	3689195.07	2777420.08

Withdrawal of MFN status to Pakistan

3112. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the withdrawal of MFN status to Pakistan has reduced the exports to Pakistan, if so, how much has the loss been post the withdrawal; and

(b) whether the withdrawal caused loss of income to traders in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir, if so, the steps being taken by the Ministry for supplementing their income?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) The Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status accorded by India to Pakistan was revoked in February, 2019, by imposing 200% customs duty on all goods originating in or exported from Pakistan. In August 2019, Pakistan announced suspension of bilateral trade with India and all imports from India and exports from Pakistan to India were prohibited. Partial relaxation has been provided in September, 2019 for trade in certain pharmaceutical products with India. As per provisional data, the value of India's