



LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD
TEA MARKET REPORT

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SALE NO.02 OF 11TH /12TH JANUARY, 2021

COMMENTS

This week's tea auction (Sale # 2) was held on January 11 & 12 (Mon/Tue) in view of Thai Pongal Day holiday that falls on Thursday, and the offer quantity was 6.7 m/kgs. The Low Grown Leafy/ Semi Leafy/ Tippy & Small Leaf/ Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 3.2 m/kgs, whilst Main Sale High & Medium category amounted to 0.85 m/kgs. The Ex Estate catalogue had 0.98 m/kgs.

Ex Estate teas met with fair general demand which weakened as the sale progressed. A range of select liquoring western BOP's/BOPF's advanced Rs. 20/- to 40/- following special interest while, teas in the below-best category ranged between being barely steady to Rs. 10/- to 20/- lower. A limited selection of Nuwara Eliya's were dearer following special enquiry while all others lost substantially. Uda Pussellawa's opened firm but closed at irregularly lower levels. Uva's lost Rs, 20/- and sometimes more. CTC PF1's from all the high and medium elevations saw vaning demand particularly as the sale progressed and, eased up to Rs. 30/- per kg where sold whilst a fair number of lots were unsold as well. The best low grown PF1's were however fully firm around previous levels. China continued to display strong demand. Buyers for Europe and Japan were more selective. The "tea bag" sector operating for Russia was more subdued.

Low grows again met with fair demand. A range of select OP1's maintained last prices but others were irregular and easier. The better OP/OPA's were fully firm; others dropped Rs. 10/- to 20/- per kg. Bottom level leafy descriptions however were fully firm. Stylish BOP1's were fully maintained although the balance was lower. True to grade Pekoes and Pekoe1's too were mostly firm while bolder/mixed teas saw easier prices. The availability of neat and well-made FBOP's /FBOPF1's met with fair interest and were firm, but others were generally easier. Buying interest from the traditional Middle Eastern sector as well as Turkey and Russia was more selective..

This week's auction comprised of **11,750** lots with a total quantity of **6,733,413** kgs.

The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

	Lot	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	2,343	1,072,706
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,797	944,662
Low Grown Tippy	2,005	1,102,562
High & Medium	1,673	852,476
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,049	1,064,627
Dust	617	641,588
Premium Flowery	390	73,185
Ex-Estate	<u>876</u>	<u>981,607</u>
Total	<u>11,750</u>	<u>6,733,413</u>

In Lighter Vein - The Game Show Contestant

Jane was a first time contestant on the \$65,000 quiz show. Lady luck had smiled in her favor, as Jane had gained a substantial lead over her opponents. She even managed to win the game but, unfortunately, time had run out before the show's host could ask her the big question. Jane agreed to return the following day. Jane was nervous as her husband drove them home. "I've just got to win tomorrow. I wish I knew what the answers are! You know I'm not going to sleep at all tonight. I will probably look like garbage tomorrow." "Relax honey," her husband, Roger, reassured her, "It will all be OK." Ten minutes after they arrived home, Roger grabbed the car keys and started heading out the door. "Where are you going?" Jane asked. "I have a little errand to run. I should be back soon." After an agonizing 3 hour absence, Roger returned, sporting a very wide and wicked grin. "Honey, I managed to get tomorrow's question and answer!" "What is it?" she cried excitedly. "OK. The question is 'What are the three main parts of the male anatomy?' And the answer is 'The head, the heart, and the penis.'" "The couple went to sleep with Jane, now feeling at ease, plummeting into a deep slumber. At 3:30 a.m., however, Jane was shaken awake by Roger, who was asking her the quiz show question. "The head, the heart, and the penis," Jane replied groggily before returning to sleep. And Roger asked her again in the morning, this time as Jane was brushing her teeth. Once again, Jane replied correctly. So it was that Jane was once again on the set of the quiz show. Even though she knew the question and answer, she could feel butterflies. The cameras began running and the host, after reminding the audience of the previous days' events, faced Jane and asked the big question. "Jane, for \$ 65,000, what are the main parts of the male anatomy? You have 10 seconds. "Hmm, the head?" she said nervously. "Very good. Six seconds." "Eh, uh, the heart?" "Very good! Four seconds." "I, uhh, ooooooohh, darn! My husband drilled it into me last night and I had it on the tip of my tongue this morning..." "That's close enough!" said the game show host, "CONGRATULATIONS!!!"

LOW GROWNS - LEAFY

BOP1 : Select best teas were irregular; balance too declined by Rs.20-30/- per kg. Teas at the lower end tended irregular.

OP1 : Select best and the balance were irregular. Teas at the lower end were generally firm. Poorer sorts were maintained

OP : Best teas tended irregular, balance too declined Rs.30/- per kg. Poorer sorts maintained.

OPA : Select best teas tended irregular; balance declined Rs.30/- per kg. Teas at the lower end were firm on last week levels.

PEK/PEK1: Well made Pekoe1's maintained; balance were generally firm. Best bold Pekoes' were firm on last week levels. Balance and the lower end were irregular.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)

	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
BOP1	820-1300	860-1400	620-640	620-640	500-540	500-560
OP1	710-1000	730-1000	610-630	620-640	300-400	300-400
OP	640-710	650-720	500-540	500-540	320-350	320-350
OPA	640-710	650-720	500-540	500-540	320-370	320-340
PEK/PEK1	900-1040	900-1100	780-850	780-850	560-630	560-630

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP Few well-made BOPs maintained. Balance were easier. Best, together with cleaner below best were firm on last. Balance were lower following quality.

BOPF/BOPFSP : In general, BOPF were firm.

FBOP/FBOP1 : A few Select Best FBOP's sold around last levels. Others were lower. Best together with cleaner below best maintained. Balance were easier. Teas at the bottom sold around last levels. Well-made FBOP1's maintained. Others were lower following quality.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Very Tippy teas declined. Best and cleaner below best sold around last levels. Others were irregular following quality. Few select best FF1s maintained. Balance were easier. Best together with below best were firm to selectively dearer. Balance were fully firm to dearer.

FBOPFSP/EXSP : Except for few Invoices in the top category which sold well others declined and below best varieties held firm. Teas at the lower end sold at last week levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)

	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
BOP/BOPSP	880-940	900-1200	680-700	680-720	500-550	500-550
BOPF /BOPFSP	750-790	750-940	650-700	650-750	450-500	480-550
FBOP/FBOP1	880-1040	900-1140	650-700	680-750	580-620	600-660
FBOPF/FBOPF1	880-1000	900-1100	700-750	700-800	500-550	500-550
FBOPFSP/EXSP	1500-2200	1500-2800	900-1000	900-1200	600-650	600-700

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MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Select best types gained Rs.20-30/- per kg whilst the others were firm to dearer.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Best on offer maintained last levels whilst the others were irregularly lower by Rs.10/- per kg.

PEK/PEK1 : Select best were declined Rs.20/- per kg whilst the others were firm on last levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
FBOP	830-1040	800-980	750-830	720-800	600-750	550-720
FBOPF/FBOPF1	750-850	730-830	650-750	620-730	550-650	540-620
PEK/PEK1	830-920	840-940	730-830	720-840	630-730	600-720

HIGH GROWN

BOP: Best Westerns – Select invoices gained Rs. 20-40 per kg and more, whilst the others were irregular following quality. Teas in the Below Best category were barely steady, whilst the Plainer sorts were firm. Nuwara Eliya's were easier following quality. Uda Pussellawa's were firm. Uvas were barely steady and tend to fluctuate following quality..

BOPF: Best Westerns – Select invoices gained Rs. 30-50 per kg following special inquiry, whilst the others were irregular. Teas in the Below Best category were firm and Rs. 10 per kg lower, whilst the Plainer sorts continued to sell around last week's levels. Nuwara Eliya's declined up to Rs. 50 per kg. Uda Pussellawa's continued to sell around last week's levels. Uvas were firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg lower following quality.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	700-840	670-830	680-760	670-730
Below Best Westerns	640-690	630-650	650-670	640-660
Plainer Westerns	580-630	580-620	610-640	610-630
Nuwara Eliyas	550-820	520-820	550-700	530-760
Brighter Uda Pussellawas	590-610	600-610	620-650	600-640
Other Uda Pussellawas	580	570-590	600-610	560-580
Best Uva's.	620-640	600-630	630-690	640-670
Other Uva's	590-600	570-590	590-620	600-630

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP: Firm and up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer.

BOPF: Mostly firm.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	610-820	590-780	520-640	530-650

CTC

PF1: High Grown PF1's – Better sorts were up to Rs.30/- per kg lower, whilst the others were irregular whilst Medium Grown PF1's were Rs.20-30/- per kg lower. Low Grown PF1's – best available were firm, whilst the others were irregular and easier with the poorest on offer being difficult of sale.

BP1: High grown BP1's – irregular whilst Medium Grown BP1's Rs.20-30/- per kg lower. Low Grown BP1's too Rs.20/- per kg lower.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	PF1		BP1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	530-620	540-670	520-610	520-580
Medium	420-650	510-660	400-600	420-600
Low	450-850	430-860	440-650	420-650

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OFF GRADES

Liquoring FNGS were firm. Clean Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1s dearer by Rs.10/- per kg. Best BP's advanced Rs.10-20/- per kg.. Well made BMs dearer by Rs.20/- per kg. Lower end teas advanced Rs.20/- per kg. Select best BOP1A's firm. Below best/Poorer sorts advanced Rs.10-20/- per kg.

QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	420-620	400-620	400-470	400-450	400-480	380-460
Good Fannings (CTC)	350-510	350-510	380-470	380-470	320-450	320-450
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	370-400	370-400	370-400	370-400	330-370	330-370
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	420-480	390-460	420-450	410-490	420-530	410-510
Other BM's	420-440	370-410	420-440	370-410	420-440	370-410
Best BOP1As	430-530	430-530	430-580	430-580	470-690	470-690
Other BOP1As	400-450	380-440	400-450	380-440	400-460	380-450

DUST

Select best liquoring High Grown D1's met with irregular demand and appreciated by Rs.20-30/- per kg. Secondaries and below best types however declined by Rs.20-30/- per kg. Low Grown Clean Dust were firm to dearer PD's from High & Medium elevations declined by Rs.10-30/- per kg whilst Low Grown PD's too were lower by Rs.10-20/- per kg.

QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Primary Dust 1(Orthodox)	630-800	630-770	600-690	600-670	600-650	600-680
Good Primary PD (CTC)	550-680	500-590	600-650	600-680	600-730	600-780
Secondary Dust	420-460	420-460	400-450	400-410	420-460	420-460

World Crop Statistics (MKGS)

Country	Month	2019	2020	Difference +/-	To-date 2019	To-date 2020	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	Nov.	24.02	24.80	0.78	278.22	249.90	-28.32
BANGLADESH	Oct.	13.41	11.49	-1.92	79.35	68.94	-10.4
KENYA	Oct.	46.30	48.27	1.97	363.10	467.44	104.3
SOUTH INDIA	Nov.	21.8	21.4	-0.3	200.9	201.2	0.30
NORTH INDIA	Nov.	117.6	127.6	9.9	1122.8	980.5	-142.3
MALAWI	Sep.	2.11	2.78	0.7	39.70	36.40	-3.3
UGANDA	Nov.	4.79	0.18	-4.6	55.70	35.50	-20.20

<u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u>			<u>UVA MEDIUM</u>			<u>LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES</u>		
Harangalla	BOP	820/-	Meddekande	BOP	710/-	Pothotuwa	BOP1	1300/-
Hatale	BOPSP	710/-	Sarnia Plaiderie	BOPSP	710/-	Pothotuwa	OP1	2350/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF/BOPFSP	650/-	Halpewatte Uva	BOPSP	710/-	Lions	OP	810/-
Doombagastalawa	BOP1	1350/-	Aruna Passara	BOPF/BOPFSP	740/-	Karagoda	OPA	890/-
Craighead	FBOP /FBOP1	1040/-	Telbedde	BOP1	870/-	Liyonta	PEKOE	1100/-
Doombagastalawa	FBOPF/FBOPF1	850/-	Halpewatte Uva	FBOP/FBOP1	850/-	*K D U Super	PEKOE	1000/-
*Dartry Valley	OP/OPA	810/-	Demodera S	FBOPF/FBOPF1	770/-	Karagoda	PEKOE1	1040/-
*Harangalla	OP/OPA	750/-	Adawatte	OP/OPA	730/-	Three Times Tea	PEKOE1	1020/-
Harangalla	OP1	760/-	Telbedde	OP1	960/-	*Andaradeniya Super	PEKOE1	1000/-
Kenilworth	OP1	760/-	Aruna Passara	PEK/ PEK1	890/-	*Wattahena	PEKOE1	1000/-
*Dartry Valley	OP1	740/-	Battawatte	PEK/ PEK1	860/-	*Makandura	PEKOE1	1000/-
*Uplands	PEK/PEK1	920/-	<u>UVA HIGH</u>			<u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES.</u>		
*Dartry Valley	PEK/PEK1	920/-	Glenanore	BOP	710/-	Brombill	BOP	940/-
<u>WESTERN HIGH</u>			Craig	BOPSP	690/-	Karagoda	BOP	940/-
Somerset	BOP	840/-	Bandaraeliya	BOPF/BOPFSP	660/-	*Ihalapanapitiya	BOPSP	860/-
Somerset	BOPSP	640/-	Mahadowa	BOPF/BOPFSP	660/-	*Andaradeniya Sup	BOPSP	860/-
Bearwell	BOPF/BOPFSP	760/-	Uva Highlands	BOP1	830/-	*Wattahena	BOPSP	830/-
Wattegodda	BOPF/BOPFSP	760/-	Uva Highlands	FBOP/FBOP1	770/-	*Hidellana	BOPF	790/-
Mattakelle	BOPF/BOPFSP	760/-	Glenanore	FBOP/FBOP1	770/-	*Sithaka	BOPF	770/-
Inverness	BOP1	800/-	Glenanore	FBOPF/FBOPF1	740/-	Berubeula	BOPFSP	750/-
Queensberry	FBOP/FBOP1	770/-	Oodooerre	FBOPF/FBOPF1	740/-	*New Galagawa	BOPFSP	720/-
Inverness	FBOPF/FBOPF1	870/-	Glenanore	OP/OPA	700/-	*Athukorala Sup	BOPFSP	700/-
Inverness	OP/OPA	650/-	Glenanore	OP1	740/-	Aruna	FBOP	1040
Glenloch	OP/OPA	650/-	Uva Highlands	PEK/ PEK1	870/-	*Sithaka	FBOP	1000/-
Inverness	OP1	770/-	<u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u>			Aruna	FBOP1	1020/-
Weddemulla	PEK /PEK1	900/-	Lukyland	BOP	610/-	Andaradeniya	FBOPF	1000/-
<u>NUWARA ELIYA</u>			Kirkless	BOPSP	610/-	Sirimewana	FBOPF1	980/-
Lovers Leap	BOP	820/-	*Liddesdale	BOPF/BOPFSP	650/-	<u>PREMIUM FLOWERY.</u>		
Court Lodge	BOPF	690/-	Gordon	FBOP/ FBOP1	730/-	Sunrise	FBOPFSP	2150/-
Kenmare	FBOP/FBOP1	770/-	Gonapitiya	FBOPF/FBOPF1	710/-	Brombil	FBOPFEXSP	2200/-
Kenmare	OP/OPA	690/-	Delmar	OP/OPA	620/-	Wathurawila	FBOPFEXSP	2350/-
Court Lodge	PEK/PEK1	760/-	Gordon	OP1	620/-	<u>DUST</u>		
<u>CTC TEAS</u>			Gonapitiya	PEK/PEK1	770/-	Mattakelle	Dust1	800/-
<u>HIGH GROWN</u>			<u>OFF GRADES</u>			Ceciliyan	PD	730/-
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	620/-	El Teb	FNGS	650/-			
Dunsinane CTC	BP1	610/-	Hingalgoda CTC	PF	740/-			
Dunsinane CTC	BPS	590/-	*Ihalapanapitiya	BM	740/-			
<u>MEDIUM GROWN</u>			Athukorala super	BM	740/-			
*RothschildCTC	PF1	650/-	Ceciliyan	BP	740/-			
Carolina CTC	BP1	600/-	Ceciliyan	BOP1A	740/-			
Carolina CTC	BPS	560/-						
<u>LOW GROWN</u>								
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	860/-						
Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	650/-						
Ceciliyan CTC	BPS	640/-						

COLOMBO AUCTION - GROSS SALE AVERAGES
SALE NO.01 OF 06th JANUARY 2021.

	2021			2020	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	579.61	584.38	579.61	440.86	440.86
Western High Grown	642.91	645.84	642.91	554.15	554.15
High Grown	627.03	629.93	627.03	522.64	522.64
Uva Medium	600.14	592.29	600.14	462.93	462.93
Western Medium	582.63	583.37	582.63	469.50	469.50
Medium Grown	587.89	585.96	587.89	467.83	467.83
Low Grown (Orthodox)	681.49	681.49	681.49	627.70	627.70
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	674.03	674.49	674.03	612.71	612.71
Total	649.49	649.63	649.49	569.00	569.00

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES

	Sale of 19 th /20 th Jan.'2021		Sale of 25 th /26 th Jan.'2021	
	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	2,339	1,176,403	2,317	1,098,869
Low Grown Semi Leafy	2,021	1,185,428	1,745	952,739
Low Grown Tippy	2,278	1,366,952	2,126	1,191,695
High & Medium	1,843	1,019,800	1,746	880,302
Off Grade/BOP1A	1,896	1,057,819	2,266	1,278,669
Dust	694	744,848	747	796,553
Premium Flowery	415	80,130	441	81,809
Ex-Estate	<u>1,007</u>	<u>1,179,121</u>	<u>965</u>	<u>1,118,151</u>
Total	<u>12,493</u>	<u>7,810,501</u>	<u>12,353</u>	<u>7,398,787</u>

Private Sale Figures (01.01.2021 – 09.01.2021)	- 104,223.00 Kgs
Cumulative	- 104,223.00 Kgs

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- **HACCP 0097**

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CATALOGUES

Sale No. 04 of 25th/26th January, 2021

The Ex-Estate, High & Medium, Leafy, Tippy, Premium Flowery, BOP1A & DUST catalogues were closed on Thursday 7th January 2021 on schedule and Semi Leafy catalogue closed as at 5th January 2021 2 days ahead and Off Grade catalogue closed on Monday 4th January, 2021 3 days ahead of schedule.

Sale No. 05 of 01st /02nd February, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on 15th January, 2020 at 04.30 p.m. but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

Sale No.06 of 09th /10th February, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on 21st January 2021 at 04.30 p.m. but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

SALE NO.03 of 2021

BROKER'S SELLING ORDER

Auction of 19th/20th January, 2021

Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

1. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
2. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
3. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
4. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
5. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
6. Eastern Brokers Ltd
- 7.Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
8. John Keells PLC

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

1. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
- 3. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
4. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
5. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
- 6.Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
7. John Keells PLC
8. Eastern Brokers Ltd

Ex-Estate

1. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
3. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
4. Eastern Brokers Ltd.
5. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
- 6. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd.**
7. John Keells PLC
8. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC

[Crop & Weather

For the period 04.01.2021 to 10.01.2021

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions - The Western Region reported dull weather with evening showers, whilst the Nuwara Eliya Region reported rainfall throughout the week. **Uva/Udapussellawa Regions** - Both regions reported dull and rainy weather during the week. The Department of Meteorology predicts heavy showers (above 100mm) in the Uva Region in the week ahead. **Low Grown** - The Low Grown Region reported dull weather with occasional showers throughout the week.

Crop Intake

The crop intake was similar to the previous week in the Western, Nuwara Eliya, Udapussellawa and Ruhunu regions, whilst the Sabaragamuwa and Uva regions showed a slight decrease

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SOUTH INDIAN ROUND-UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 09TH JANUARY, 2021

KOCHI

CTC LEAF ; Fair demand. Bolder Brokens sold at firm levels. Smaller brokens and fannings sold at dearer levels by Rs.5/- to 8 and sometimes more. Good demand from Internal and Upcountry buyers. Export buyers lent fair support.

LEAF-ORTHODOX:

Demand: Good demand.

Market: Well made high grown whole leaf, brokens and fannings were selling at firm levels to dearer levels. Medium whole leaf and brokens also witnessed good demand as well and appreciated in value. Smaller brokens and fannings witnessed improved enquiry and realized prices which were fully firm and appreciated in value.

Buying Pattern: CIS/Middle East exporters were active. Upcountry buyers lent support on whole leaf grades.

DUST

Demand: Good demand.

Market: Best liquoring popular and better mediums met with good demand and realized prices which were irregularly around last levels. Plainer categories witnessed restricted demand and eased in value by Rs.5 to 6 on the finer grades but the bolder grades had better enquiry and appreciated in value.

Buying Pattern: Major blender AVT and KSCSC were active. Best mediums fetched with fair support from regional packeteers. Domestic buyers were active in their purchases. Exporters were selective.

COONOR

CTC LEAF

Demand: Strong

Market: Market opened for the New year on a fully firm to dearer levels by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/-. As the sale progressed had gained momentum and went on to be sold upto Rs. 30/- higher. The surge in prices was noticed across all grades on the Medium and Plainer categorie **The overall sale percentage is 95% at an average of Rs. 131.71.**

Buying Pattern: Strong Internal operation with the Major Blenders supporting well. Karnataka was also seen operating activeExport was seen operating selectively.

ORTH LEAF

Demand: Strong.

Market: The Orthodox market also witnessed a dearer trend across all categories and grades by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/- and more following quality. **The overall sale percentage is 97% at an average of Rs. 156.84.**

Buying Pattern: Strong Internal participation was witnessed with equally strong support from the Exporters.

CTC DUST

Demand: Good.

Market: Market opened strongly with teas selling at Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/- dearer. The Finer dusts have surged in prices even further. The latter part of the sale had witnessed little sluggish demand which resulted in some withdrawals. **The overall sale percentage is 79% at an average of Rs. 141.14.**

Buying Pattern: Yet again strong Internal operation with fairly good support from the Major Blenders and other Regional Packeteers. On the Export front Girnar and SSK were seen operating strongly. Indcoserve was active on the Finer grades

ORTH DUST

Demand: Strong.

Market: Market for the Primary dusts were trading at fully firm to dearer levels by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/- on the cleaner, well made/popular types. Others were irregularly dearer by Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/-. **The overall sale percentage is 91% at an average of Rs. 129.28.**

Buying Pattern: The Internal markets have shown keen interest with the Exports lending fair support.

COIMBATORE

CTC LEAF

Demand: Strong demand.

Market: Alround dearer by Rs.8/- to Rs.15/- sometimes more.

ORTH LEAF: Good demand. Whole leaf brokens were dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- sometimes more following quality. BOPF's were fully firm.

CTC DUST

Demand: Good demand.

Market: Better liquoring and popular / medium sorts bolder grades were dearer by Rs.4/- to Rs.8/- sometimes more following quality. Other grades firm to occasionally dearer. Plainer teas were dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.6/-.

ORTH DUST Fair demand. Firm to dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- with some withdrawals.

Source: Paramount Tea Marketing (SI) Private Limited.

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