



LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD
TEA MARKET REPORT

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SALE NO.06 OF 09TH/10TH FEBRUARY, 2021

COMMENTS

This week's tea auction (Sale # 6) was conducted on February 09 & 10 (Tue/Wed) and, the offer quantity of 6.3 m/kgs showed a drop of 0.6 m/kgs over the previous auction. The Low Grown Leafy/ Semi Leafy/ Tippy & Small Leaf/ Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 3 m/kgs, whilst Main Sale High & Medium category amounted to 0.6 m/kgs. The Ex Estate catalogue had 0.9 m/kgs.

The Ex Estate market was irregular following quality. A range of Best Western BOP's were firm whilst the remainder lost Rs.10/- to 20/- and their corresponding BOPF's lost Rs.20/- to 40/- per kg. Below best BOP's and BOPF saw prices which were Rs.10/- to 20/- easier but some coloury teas advanced by a similar amount. CTC PF1's from the Western High elevation were irregular and easier whilst neater Mediums were firm and Low Grown teas easier by Rs.10/- to 20/-. BP1's from all three elevations met with more widespread demand and appreciated Rs.10/- and more. Buyers for Germany and Japan were active on the better liquoring teas whilst there was also greater demand from China for a wide spectrum of teas. UK and Hong Kong were selective but Russia was active for "Tea Bag" types albeit at lower levels.

Low grown met with fair demand. Well-made OP1's were fully firm to dearer but poorer sorts were irregular. OP/OPA's were firm to selectively dearer with customary support from buyers for Russia and Azerbaijan with poorer types again being irregular and easier. Stylish BOP1's were fully firm to dearer. The better made Pekoe's were firm but mixed varieties declined on last. Pekoes in the "Top" category fully maintained previous levels although bolder, mixed teas were irregularly easier. Select best BBOP's/FBOPF1's were firm to selectively dearer but the balance was irregular following quality. Buyers for Iran and the UAE and other Middle Eastern countries were fairly active. Turkey was active but selective.

This week's auction comprised of **11,323** lots with a total quantity of **6,386,223** kgs.

The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,100	923,865
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,821	941,683
Low Grown Tippy	1,996	1,050,297
High & Medium	1,283	610,140
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,388	1,343,549
Dust	556	553,486
Premium Flowery	386	70,811
Ex-Estate	<u>793</u>	<u>892,392</u>
Total	<u>11,323</u>	<u>6,386,223</u>

In Lighter Vein

Life Really Does Happen In Numbers

Four men were discussing coincidences at a bar. The first man said: "My wife was reading a Tale of Two Cities and she gave birth to twins."

"That's funny", the second man remarked. "My wife was reading The Three Musketeers and she gave birth to triplets"

"My goodness," the third man chimed in. "The same happened to me. My wife had quintuplets after reading The Five People You Meet in Heaven."

The fourth man shouted, now looking quite ill, "Good God, I have to rush home!" When asked what the problem was, he exclaimed, "When I left the house, my wife was reading Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves!!"

LOW GROWNS - LEAFY

BOP1 : Select best teas appreciated by Rs.30-40/- and at times more; balance too fully firm to Rs.10-15/- dearer. Poor sorts too generally dearer.

OPI : Select best invoices advance Rs.40-50/- per kg; balance firm to Rs.10-20/- dearer. Stalky invoices too gained Rs.20-30/- per kg.

OP : Teas in the select best category were dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg; balance too gained Rs.20/-. Teas at the lower end generally dearer.

OPA : Select best teas appreciated by Rs.30-40/- per kg; balance too fully firm to dearer by Rs.10-15/- per kg. Poor sorts advanced Rs.20/- per kg.

PEK/PEK1: Well made PEK1's were dearer by Rs.20/- and at times more; balance tended irregular. Best bold Pekoes Rs.20/- dearer; balance gained Rs.20/- and at times more. Teas at the lower end were generally lower.

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	900-1100	780-1100	600-670	580-660	500-550	480-530
OPI	750-1100	700-1100	600-650	580-620	350-420	300-400
OP	640-690	620-670	520-560	500-530	350-400	300-360
OPA	640-700	620-660	520-550	500-530	350-420	330-400
PEK/PEK1	880-1000	850-1000	760-800	760-800	530-580	530-580

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : Few well-made BOPs appreciated ; 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 maintained; others held firm. Best together with Cleaner below best appreciated; balance were easier. Teas at the lower end sold around last levels. Well made FBOP1's maintained. Others were lower following quality.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Tippy teas held firm. 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 : A few Invoices in the top category appreciated 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	900-1250	850-960	720-800	700-750	500-550	500-550
BOPF /BOPFSP	700-800	700-780	600-650	600-650	480-500	480-520
FBOP/FBOP1	900-1060	850-1020	700-750	650-700	600-620	600-620
FBOPF/FBOPF1	900-1040	900-1040	700-750	650-750	550-600	550-600
FBOPFSP/EXSP	2000-3200	2000-2800	800-1300	900-1500	600-700	650-700

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MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

- FBOP** : Well made FBOP's appreciated on last levels. Below best and secondary types too met with fair demand.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Well made FBOPF1's appreciated Rs.20-30/-. Below best and the lower end too were dearer by Rs.10-20/-. Teas at the lower end were firm to dearer. FBOPF varieties tended irregular.
- PEK/PEK1** : Well made shotty Pekoe1's and neat Pekoe types appreciated on last levels. Below best mixed varieties were irregularly lower. Teas at the lower end too were firm on last levels.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	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	830-960	820-940	770-880	750-820	550-770	520-750
FBOPF/FBOPF1	725-940	700-780	625-725	600-700	550-625	500-600
PEK/PEK1	825-1020	800-920	700-825	720-800	650-700	620-720

HIGH GROWNS

BOP: Best Westerns were mostly firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg lower following quality, whilst a few select invoices gained by a similar margin following special inquiry. In the Below Best category, a few select coloury sorts gained Rs. 20 per kg and more, whilst the others were firm and lower by a similar margin. Plainer sorts were barely steady. Nuwara Eliyas were irregular. Uda Pussellawas continued to sell around last week's levels. Uvas were irregular.

BOPF: Best Westerns – Select high priced teas declined Rs. 20-40 per kg, whilst the others were firm and lower to a lesser extent. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket were Rs. 10 per kg lower, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market were firm and Rs. 10 per kg dearer. Nuwara Eliyas sold at firm to dearer rates. Uda Pussellawas were firm. Uvas were irregular following quality.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	670-740	690-840	660-730	660-760
Below Best Westerns	640-660	630-680	640-650	630-650
Plainer Westerns	580-630	580-620	610-630	590-620
Nuwara Eliyas	550	590-750	550-750	550-710
Brighter Uda Pussellawas	570-600	570-630	600-630	590-620
Other Uda Pussellawas	550	550	570-590	560-580
Best Uva's.	600-650	580-620	620-660	600-620
Other Uva's	550-580	550-570	550-600	590

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP: Mostly firm.

BOPF: Sold around last week's levels.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	530-710	550-730	470-650	520-640

CTC

High Grown : **BP1s** - Firm and Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer.

PF1s - Teas in the higher price bracket tended easier, whilst the others sold around last week's levels.

Medium Grown : **BP1s** - Firm and selectively dearer.

PF1s - Firm.

Low Grown : **BP1s** - Irregular following quality.

PF1s - Rs.10-20 per kg.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	PF1		BP1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	550-630	570-650	570-600	570-600
Medium	420-630	440-610	420-620	410-620
Low	370-820	370-860	450-660	420-660

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OFF GRADES

Liquoring FNGS lost Rs.10/-. Clean Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1s firm to lower Rs.5-10/-. Best BP's held firm. Well-made BMs lost Rs.10/-. Lower end teas firm on last week levels. Select best BOP1A's firm. Below best types lost Rs.10-25/- per kg. Poorer types held firm.

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)	450-580	470-590	410-480	430-490	410-490	420-490
Good Fannings (CTC)	370-600	370-600	380-600	380-600	380-400	380-400
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	400-460	420-460	400-450	420-460	400-450	420-460
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	470-500	470-510	470-500	470-510	480-510	480-530
Other BM's	470-480	460-470	470-480	60-470	470-480	460-470
Best BOP1As	480-510	480-520	490-530	500-530	570-620	500-630
Other BOP1As	480-500	480-500	470-500	470-500	470-500	470-500

DUST

Select best liquoring High Grown D1's declined by Rs.10/- and at times more. Secondaries and below best types too followed a similar trend particularly towards the latter part of the sale. Poor varieties were firm on last. Low Grown Clean Dust/Dust1's advanced by Rs.20-30/-. PD's from High & Medium elevations witnessed an irregular demand and advanced by Rs.20-30/-. Low Grown PD's too advanced by Rs.20-30/- 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)	610-750	600-760	590-690	600-710	500-630	500-600
Good Primary PD (CTC)	525-630	530-640	510-600	530-630	600-660	580-630
Secondary Dust	400-470	380-420	390-450	380-420	410-450	400-440

World Crop Statistics (MKGS)

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

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<u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u>			<u>UVA MEDIUM</u>			<u>LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES</u>		
Harangala	BOP	810/-	Demodera 'S'	BOP	720/-	New Vithanakande	BOP1	1450/-
*Dartry Valley	BOP	800/-	*Halpewatte Uva	BOPSP	740/-	Pothatuwa	BOP1	1400/-
Eden Valley	BOPSP	710/-	Dickwella	BOPF/BOPFSP	720/-	*Sithaka	BOP1	1350/-
Sanrose	BOPF/BOPFSP	680/-	Glen Alpine	BOP1	780/-	Kanneliya	OP1	1800/-
Orange Feild	BOP1	890/-	Dickwella	FBOP/FBOP1	800/-	*Kurunduwatte	OP	830/-
*Uplands	BOP1	860/-	*Halpewatte Uva	FBOPF/FBOPF1	770/-	A C U Super	OPA	1000/-
Craighead	FBOP /FBOP1	960/-	Pettiagala	FBOPF/FBOPF1	770/-	*Makandura	OPA	980/-
Craighead	FBOPF/FBOPF1	940/-	Dickwella	OP/OPA	670/-	Liyonta	PEKOE	1200/-
Harangala	OP/OPA	780/-	*Halpewatte Uva	OP1	760/-	*Hidellana	PEKOE1	1300/-
*Dartry Valley	OP/OPA	760/-	Aruna Passara	PEK/ PEK1	940/-	<u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES.</u>		
Craighead	OP1	1020/-	<u>UVA HIGH</u>			Golden Garden	BOP	1250/-
Weralugolla	OP1	760/-	Glenanore	BOP	720/-	*Nawagamuwahena	BOPSP	1250/-
*Dartry Valley	PEK/PEK1	1020/-	Spring Valley	BOPSP	650/-	*Andaradeniya Sup	BOPSP	920/-
<u>WESTERN HIGH</u>			Bandaraeliya	BOPF/BOPFSP	660/-	*Hidellana	BOPF	770/-
Bearwell	BOP	740/-	Spring Valley	BOPF/BOPFSP	660/-	*Geekiyanaahena	BOPF	710/-
Great Western	BOPSP	700/-	Uva Highlands	BOP1	810/-	*Dishan Valley	BOPFSP	800/-
Holyrood	BOPSP	700/-	Uva Highlands	FBOP/FBOP1	790/-	Pothatuwa	FBOP	1060/-
Kaipooogala	BOPF/BOPFSP	730/-	*Battawatte	FBOP/FBOP1	760/-	*Sithaka	FBOP	1020/-
Inverness	BOP1	760/-	Spring Valley	FBOPF/FBOPF1	760/-	*Bogoda Group	FBOP	1000/-
Inverness	FBOP/FBOP1	860/-	*Battawatte	OP/OPA	660/-	Rotumba	FBOP1	960/-
Inverness	FBOPF/FBOPF1	780/-	Spring Valley	OP1	700/-	Sithaka	FBOP1	940/-
Inverness	OP/OPA	710/-	*Battawatte	PEK/ PEK1 +++	920/-	Sihara	FBOPF	1040/-
Venture	OP1	670/-	<u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u>			Andaradeniya	FBOPF	1040
Weddemulla	PEK /PEK1	860/-	Luckyland	BOP	600/-	Sirimewenna	FBOPF1	920/-
<u>NUWARA ELIYA</u>			Kirklees	BOPSP	570/-	Halwitigala SH	FBOPF1	920/-
Kenmare	BOP	550/-	Mooloya	BOPF/BOPFSP	640/-	*Sithaka	FBOPF1	860/-
Mahagastotte	BOPF	750/-	Gampaha	FBOP/ FBOP1	680/-	<u>PREMIUM FLOWERY.</u>		
Mahagastotte	FBOP/FBOP1	940/-	Gampaha	FBOPF/FBOPF1	730/-	Berubeula	FBOPFSP	2550/-
Court Lodge	FBOP/FBOP1	940/-	Delmar	OP/OPA	620/-	Lions	FBOPFEXSP	3200/-
Mahagastotte	OP/OPA	640/-	Gampaha	OP1	640/-	*K.D.U Super	FBOPFEXSP1	2700/-
Court Lodge	PEK/PEK1	920/-	Gonapitiya	PEK/PEK1	640/-	Nilvin Super	FBOPFEXSP1	2700/-
<u>CTC TEAS</u>			<u>OFF GRADES</u>			<u>DUST-</u>		
<u>HIGH GROWN</u>			Laxapana	FNGS	630/-	<u>High</u>		
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	630/-	Hingalgoda CTC	PF	750/-	Mattakellie	Dust1	750/-
Dunsinane CTC	BP1	600/-	Gunawardena	BM	690/-	Dunsinane	PD	630/-
Florence CTC	BP1	600/-	*Uplands	BP	680/-	<u>Medium</u>		
Mt.Vernon	BPS	550/-	Kenmare	BP	680/-	Delta	Dust1	690/-
<u>MEDIUM GROWN</u>			Rilhena	BOP1A	810/-	Delta	PD	600/-
Delta CTC	PF1	610/-	<u>LOW GROWN</u>			<u>Low</u>		
Delta CTC	BP1	630/-	Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	820/-	New Vithanakande	Dust1	650/-
Aultmore	BPS	510/-	Cecilayan CTC	BP1	680/-	Cecilayan	PD	730/-
<u>LOW GROWN</u>			Cecilayan CTC	BPS	650/-			

* Sold by Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd / +++All Time Record Price / ++ Equal All Time Record Price

MONTHLY AVERAGE – JANUARY, 2021

Elevation	Orthodox	CTC	Orth. & CTC Combined
	Month	Month	Month
Uva High	584.43	515.54	581.60
Western High	638.32	585.66	633.59
Uva Medium	593.40	-	595.40
Western Medium	588.33	556.29	579.64
Low Grown	682.60	554.55	673.60

COLOMBO AUCTION - GROSS SALE AVERAGES
SALE NO.05 OF 02ND FEBRUARY, 2021.

2021**2020**

	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	574.13	575.28	578.07	494.18	461.37
Western High Grown	620.93	621.73	626.90	579.77	567.19
High Grown	608.64	609.37	614.00	563.65	542.87
Uva Medium	575.56	569.38	593.42	520.35	492.19
Western Medium	563.84	565.05	576.62	505.96	493.75
Medium Grown	567.18	566.30	581.77	509.15	493.39
Low Grown (Orthodox)	665.75	665.75	678.89	638.89	644.06
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	657.08	656.11	669.76	622.73	627.97
Total	632.24	631.31	643.63	595.50	591.43

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES

	<u>Sale of 16th/17th Feb.'2021</u>		<u>Sale of 22nd/23rd Feb.'2021</u>	
	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	2,111	928,063	2,018	860,036
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,918	971,830	1,879	920,850
Low Grown Tippy	2,033	1,078,586	2,008	1,052,321
High & Medium	1,390	648,046	1,289	600,978
Off Grade/BOPIA	2,317	1,326,647	1,958	1,084,896
Dust	646	675,790	532	531,814
Premium Flowery	433	82,722	430	73,341
Ex-Estate	868	991,814	832	947,849
Total	<u>11,716</u>	<u>6,703,498</u>	<u>10,946</u>	<u>6,072,085</u>

Private Sale Figures (01.02.2021 – 06.02.2021) - 105,427.00 Kgs

Cumulative - 498,397.50 Kgs

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CATALOGUES

Sale No.08 of 23rd/24th February, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on **05th February, 2021**.

Sale No.09 of 02nd/03rd March, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **11th February 2021 at 04.30 p.m.** but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots is reached.

Sale No.10 of 09th/10th March, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **18th February 2021 at 04.30 p.m.** but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots is reached.

SALE NO.07

BROKER'S SELLING ORDER

Auction of 16th/17th February, 2021

Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

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

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

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

Ex-Estate

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

Crop & Weather

For the period 01/02/2021 to 07/02/2021

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions: Both regions reported bright mornings with overcast evenings and occasional showers. The Department of Meteorology expects strong winds in the Western Region in the week ahead. **Uva/Udapussellawa Regions:** The Uva Region reported dull weather with intermittent showers, whilst the Udapussellawa Region reported clear mornings with scattered showers during the evenings with a few sub-districts experiencing bright weather throughout the week. Occasional showers are expected in the Uva Region by the Department of Meteorology in the week ahead. **Low Grown:** Bright mornings and gloomy evenings with occasional showers were reported in the Low Grown Region. According to the Department of Meteorology, heavy showers are expected in the Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions in the week ahead.

Crop Intake: The Western, Nuwara Eliya and Udapussellawa regions maintained the crop intake, whilst the Uva and Low Grown regions reported a decrease.

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O T H E R M A R K E T S

BANGLADESH AUCTION- SALE NO.37 HELD ON MONDAY 08TH FEBRUARY, 2021

CTC LEAF: 32,575 packages of Current Season and 50 packages of Old Season teas on offer met with a good demand at slightly easier rates.

BROKENS: Best Brokens met with a fairly good demand but were easier with quality often shedding by Tk.5/- to sometimes more. Mediums also met with a good demand and were about steady. All other types were an irregular market but mostly easing in value with some withdrawals.

FANNINGS: Best Fannings met with a good demand but were easier by about Tk.5/- to Tk.7/- whilst good and mediums were about steady to slightly easier with a few withdrawals. Plain and BLF types met with some demand but eased further.

CTC DUST: 9,214 packages of Current Season and 5 packages of Old Season teas on offer met with a good demand. Good liquoring varieties sold at barely steady to easier rates closely following quality. Mediums met with a good demand and sold around last levels. Plain and BLF Dusts were easier by Tk.5/- to Tk.10/- with quite fair withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Teas on offer showed a seasonal decline in quality and there was a preponderance of plainer varieties. As a result, buyers were more discriminating particularly the Blenders who were less competitive than of last. Best and good types mostly shed Tk.4/- to Tk.6/- in values whilst the other varieties fell further with fair withdrawals. There was also less support from the Loose Tea buyers. Dusts sold well. Dusts were a dearer market.

Our catalogue (Sale 37): Avg: Tk 202.90, Sold 76.0% & (Sale 36) Avg: Tk 202.61, sold 83.6%.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Large	180-190N	180-190N	Best	207-215	210-220	PD	175-202	188-260
Medium	180-185	180-190	Good	197-203	200-208	RD	170-295	158-308
Small	190-205	193-208	Medium	185-190	188-193	D	155-270	182-290
Plain	172-177	175-180	Plain	172-177	175-180	CD	170-288	138-298
BLF	165-175	170-175	BLF	165-175	170-175	BLF	182	175-208

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SOUTH INDIAN ROUND-UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 06TH FEBRUARY, 2021

CTC LEAF

KOCHI

Demand: Fair demand. Bolder Brokens were selling at barely steady levels. Smaller brokens and fannings sold at around last levels. 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 met with better enquiry and were selling fully firm to dearer levels, Medium whole leaf and brokens also witnessed good demand but were selling at fully firm and sometimes appreciated in value. Smaller brokens and fannings witnessed improved enquiry and realized prices which were fully firm and at dearer levels.

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 sold at fully firm levels occasionally dearer levels. Plainer categories witnessed less demand and also sold at irregular to easier levels but the more on the bolder grade.

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.

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CTC LEAF

Demand: Strong.

Market: Market opened irregularly but gained momentum as the sale progressed. The price surge was seen on the Best, Better and Medium categories. However the Plainers were irregularly lower by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/-.

Buying Pattern: Strong support from the Major Blenders with fairly good support from the Internal buyers. Export has been very selective.

ORTH LEAF

Demand: Strong.

Market: Firm to dearer on the Whole leaf grades and on the Primary Brokens, Others were irregular and mostly easier.

Buying Pattern: Good Export operation with equally good Internal participation.

CTC DUST

Demand: Strong.

Market: Market yet again opened irregularly lower by Rs.1/- to Rs.3/- and as the sale progressed it gained momentum and went on to be sold at fully firm to dearer levels across all grades and categories. The price surge was witnessed on the Smaller dusts grades.

Buying Pattern: Strong participation from Major Blenders on the Better and Medium types. Internal has been lending fair support on the Best categories. Export was also seen lending fair support.

ORTH DUST

Demand: Strong.

Market: Market generally was lower on the Primary dusts by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- and upto Rs. 10/-, however some popular marks have sold at fully firm to dearer levels. The Finer dusts and Secondaries were rather fully firm to dearer. Tertiaries were irregular and mostly lower.

Buying Pattern: Good Internal operation with select Export support.

COIMBATORE

CTC LEAF

Demand: Strong demand.

Market: Better medium brokens and BOPF's were dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.7/- sometimes more. Medium alround lower by Rs.2/-. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- with heavy withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: Blenders and packeteers very active. Internal buyers very selective.

ORTH LEAF: Good demand. Whole leaf and brokens were firm to dearer by Rs.3/- to Rs.5/-. However the BOPF's were steady to firm.

Buying Pattern: Exporters were active.

CTC DUST

Demand: Good general demand.

Market: Better liquoring and popular marks were barely steady. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/-. As sale progressed medium blacker and grainy teas were barely steady. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.2/- with some withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: Blenders and packeteers very active with support of exporters. Internal buyers were selective.

ORTH DUST Fair demand. Irregular with heavy withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: Exporters and internal buyers operated.

Source: Paramount Tea Marketing (SI) Private Limited.

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QUOTE

HIGH PRIORITY

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CEO's OF SELLERS

MOISTURE MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT

At the CTTA Committee Meeting held on 03rd February 2021, it was decided to request factories that have Moisture Measurement equipment to record the moisture content in the 'Invoice Particulars Form' effective 01st April 2021.

All factories are expected to be equipped with the equipment to check the moisture content at the earliest opportunity. Importing countries have brought in strictures on the moisture content at the point of import. Failure to adhere to these strictures will result in the loss of some key overseas markets, which would have a significant impact on the industry and economy.

Please give this matter your urgent attention.

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