

MARKET DESCRIPTION

Western Teas

Select best BOPs were dearer to last and at times gained substantially on account of special inquiry, below best types too advanced a few rupees above last, plainer varieties were firm. Select best BOPFs advanced sharply by Rs.30/- to Rs.40/- following quality, whilst the below best types too gained Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, plainer varieties were firm. Medium BOPs shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst the BOPFs were lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-.

Nuwara Eliya Teas

BOPs were firm, whilst the BOPFs shed Rs.10/-.

Uva Teas

Better BOPs maintained last levels, however the below best and plainer types shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. BOPFs were firm. Udapussellawa BOPs were firm, whilst the BOPFs appreciated by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-.

CTC Teas

Low Grown BP1s maintained last levels, however PF1s were easier by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- at times. Medium Grown CTCs were barely steady. High Grown BP1s declined on last levels, whilst the PF1s were firm.

Low Growns

Lower demand. Select best and best OP1s were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, below best types too were marginally lower, poorer stalky types were lower to last with less demand. All BOP1s shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Select best OPs were irregular, best and below best types shed Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, secondaries too were lower to last. OPAs too followed a similar trend as OPs. Select best Pekoes were firm, best and below best types declined sharply by Rs.20/- to Rs.25/-, flaky types too were lower to last. Select best and best Pekoe1s were firm, balance declined by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-.

Lower demand. Select best BOPs were easier by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, whilst the best and below best types declined by Rs.15/- to Rs.20/-, poorer sorts were firm. Select best BOP.SP/ BOPF.SP were lower by Rs.15/- to Rs.20/-, best and below best types declined by a similar margin. Select best BOPF were firm, balance were irregularly lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. Select best FBOPF1s were irregularly lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, whilst the best and below best types declined by Rs.15/- to Rs.20 and more following quality. Select best and best FBOPs declined Rs.10/- to Rs.15/- and more at times, below best and poorer sorts shed Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-. FBOPF varieties were substantially lower to last. All Premium Flowery teas were lower to last with a higher percentage of unsold teas.

Off Grades

Select best and best Fngs1s were firm, below best and poorer types firm to dearer. Select best BMs declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst the below best and poorer sorts were firm. All BPs were dearer by Rs.20/-. Select best and best BOP1As were firm, whilst below best types and poorer sorts were dearer by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-.

Dust

Select best Dust/Dust1s increased by Rs.30/- to Rs.40/- and more at times following limited volume on offer. Low Grown CTCs increased by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/- whilst the High and Medium Grown CTCs declined by Rs.15/- to Rs.20/- apart from certain invoices which met with increased demand following special inquiry. Low Grown Dust/Dust1s declined by Rs.15/- to Rs.20/- or otherwise sold at last levels.