

## MARKET DESCRIPTION

### Western Teas

A few BOP invoices in the Select best and best category appreciated following special inquiry, however the balance eased Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, plainer types were firm to Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- dearer at times. A few Select best BOPF invoices advanced substantially following special inquiry, however the balance tended irregularly lower to last. A few Below best types were firm to slightly dearer to last, whilst the balance too shed by a similar margin. Plainer types were marginally dearer to last. Medium BOPs maintained last levels, however the BOPFs shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-.

### Nuwara Eliya Teas

BOPs advanced Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. A few BOPF invoices maintained last levels, however the balance shed by Rs.20/- to Rs.40/- and at times more with a number of invoices remaining unsold.

### Uva Teas

BOPs maintained last levels, whilst the BOPFs shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Uda Pussellawa BOPs maintained last levels, whilst the BOPFs were lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.40/- initially at the commencement of the sale, however advanced by a similar margin towards the latter part of the sale.

### CTC Teas

Low Grown BP1s shed Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, whilst the PF1s declined by a similar margin. Medium Grown BP1s barely maintained last levels, whilst the PF1s were lower by Rs.20/- and at times more. High Grown BP1s remained difficult of sale due to a lack of demand. Select Best PF1s appreciated Rs.20/- following special demand, others were lower by a similar margin.

### Low Growns

Fair demand. Select best and best OP1s commenced lower, however met with fair demand as the sale progressed, below best types were slightly lower to last, poor stalky types gained substantially. Select best and best BOP1s were marginally lower to last, balance sold at firm levels. Select best and best OPs were firm to easier by Rs.10/- and more at times, below best types along with the poorer sorts were firm to dearer. OPAs followed a similar trend as OPs. Select best shotty Pekoes were firm, bold Pekoes which commenced lower, improved as the sale progressed, reducer types were marginally lower. Shotty Pekoe1s were firm, below best types too maintained last week's closing levels.

Good demand. Select best BOPs were firm, whilst the best and the below best types were firm to irregularly easier by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, poorer sorts were firm. Select best BOPF/BOPFSPs were firm on last, best and below best types shed Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. Select best BOPSPs were firm, others met with fair demand. Select best and best FBOPF1s were firm to easier by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, balance met with irregular demand. Select best FBOPs were firm to dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, best and below best types were irregularly lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- following quality, poorer sorts were firm. Select best FBOPF varieties maintained last levels, whilst others were firm. Select best Premium Flowery teas were firm, whilst the best and the below best types appreciated following quality.

### Off Grades

Select best and best Fngs1s declined by Rs.50/- and more towards the closure of the sale, below best and poorer sorts too declined by Rs.30/-. Select best BMs were firm to lower, below best and poorer sorts were firm. Select best and best BPs were irregular. Select best and best BOP1As declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, below best and poorer sorts showed a similar trend.

### Dust

Select best Dust/Dust1s remained firm to last or otherwise appreciated by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- following quality, best and below best Dust/Dust1s declined Rs.20/- to Rs.30/- on average. CTCs were firm to lower by Rs. 10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst Low Grown Dust/Dust1s also declined by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- or more at times.