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**Tea Production Levels**

**English translation:**

Man: Those who do not have the permissions are not allowed to enter the auctions. There are also Tea Board licenses that can be acquired.

Interviewer: You have to acquire the licenses from the Tea Board?

Man: Yes. The Tea Board is a government organization but also a corporation. Bangladesh Tea Board. How do they run their operations? They operate using our funds. From all the sales, the Tea Board retains 1% off all profits and brokers retain 1% of all profits. Warehouse charge and packaging price have perhaps increased to Tk 17 per item. And the amount remaining is distributed by the national broker to all the producers in the form of checks.

Interviewer: What is your ... um ... average production in the Monipur Tea Garden?

Man: Last year, our total production was 2,20 ... no, 4, 20,000 kg. Our target is 4,50,000- 5,50,000 kg.

Interviewer: What is the average production?

Man: Daily or yearly?

Interviewer: Yearly.

Man: The yearly average is the one I just mentioned. Our average is 4,75,000 kg, but this is an estimate, and estimates can vary. The quality of the tea is determined by different manufacturing processes. Time also plays a role; the tea leaves are placed in different machines for certain intervals.

Interviewer: What kind of weather is ideal for production?

Man: Ever since May, we have had good production.

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