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Journal Name:	<b>Asian Journal of Agricultural Extension, Economics &amp; Sociology</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_AJAEES_112455</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Integration of International Tea markets -An Empirical analysis</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></p> <p>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p> <p>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></p> <p>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>1. Yes, this manuscript is a valuable contribution to the scientific community as well as other stakeholders in the tea supply chain. As "Tea" holds significant importance for India both in terms of agricultural exports and its position in the international market, this industry's continued success is essential for the livelihoods of millions of people and the overall economic well-being of the country. So my greetings to the author for successfully conducting this study.</p> <p>2. Although title is good, but I suggest an alternative title for this study, which seems to be appropriate as per the study. Title: "Decoding Global Tea Trade: Unveiling Market Dynamics in India". The author is free to use this title.</p> <p>3. Yes, the abstract of this article is very informative and appropriate. Reading the abstract tells a clear picture of the study. However, I found one typing error in the abstract as it was mentioned this study incorporated four markets for integration analysis but in the methodology and findings, only three markets were studied. Please correct this error.</p> <p>4. There are some minor flaws in this regard. A) Objectives section is mentioned separately, while it can be merged with the INTRODUCTION part only. B) Fifth section i.e. Summary and Conclusion can be mentioned as <i>Conclusion and Policy Recommendations</i> as this section is all about the crux of the study (Inferences drawn from the findings of the study and what are the policy recommendation coming out of the study.)</p> <p>5. The manuscript is scientifically sound but need to consider the following: A) <b>Formula of seasonal indices is not mentioned in the manuscript.</b> B) <b>The author need to recheck the results of Augmented Dickey Fuller test (Conducted for studying degree of integration in the price series),</b> as it can be seen from the results of it that one of the price series is I(0) means not all the price series are I(1). The author can use ARDL model since the stationarity of your variables are mixture of both I(0) and I(1). However, Johansen co-integration test is applicable when all the variables are stationary at I(1).</p> <p>6. However references are comprehensive but some recent studies might be added in the manuscript as discussion of the findings, it would add value to this study. Apart from the number of references, some references are not complete with respect to Journal name, Volume no. and page nos. For eg. Tanuj J.K. (2012); and Jadhav, V,...,Gaddi, G.M. (2017).</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>This manuscript is grammatically suitable for publication.</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p>1. Problem statement is missing. 2. Reason for the selecting these 3 markets is not mentioned in the study. 3. 4. Need to recheck applicability of Johansen test. Use ARDL, instead.</p>	

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**PART 2:**

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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