

LOK SABHA

Wednesday, March 28, 1962/Chaitra, 7,
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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of
the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

Mr. Speaker: Question No. 247.

The Deputy-Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): if you so permit, I shall answer Question No. 250 also, because it relates to the same subject.

Shri D. C. Sharma: My question should be answered separately.

(Shri A. M. Thomas): Yes.

Export of Sugar to U.S.A.

*247. **Shri P. G. Deb:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how much sugar has been released for export to the United States during the period from November, 1961 to March, 1962 so far; and

(b) how much quantity has been exported so far?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) and (b). Export to U.S.A. can be made to the extent of quooa allocated by U.S. Government. During the period November 1961 to March 1962, 49,109 metric tons of sugar was shipped to U.S.A., covering the entire quota available.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member Mr. Sharma appears to have assumed the role of the Speaker. It is for the Chair to decide.

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Shri D. C. Sharma: I suggested that my Question No. 250 may be answered separately, as otherwise it limits the scope of supplementaries.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member cannot prevent the Minister. He must ask me.

Shri D. C. Sharma: I only made a humble submission to you.

Mr. Speaker: Let us see. I shall allow Mr. Sharma opportunity to put questions. When two questions can be disposed of at one time why should I allow only one?

Question No. 250 may also be answered.

Export of Sugar

*250. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of sugar in the country during 1961-62 so far;

(b) how much sugar is surplus in the country at present;

(c) the arrangements made for export of surplus sugar with names of countries and the quantity to be exported to each of them; and

(d) the estimated earnings of foreign exchange on such exports?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) Sugar produced during 1961-62 upto 15-3-1962 was 18:57 lakhs metric tons.

(b) It is estimated that the surplus at the end of the sugar year 1961-62