

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:190
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2000
EXPORT OF SUGAR TO PAKISTAN
SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item published in the Hindi daily 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated 17 October, 2000, captioned 'Bharat se ayatit chini ko nimanstriya bataya pak vyapariyon ne';
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) whether the sugar exported from India was infact of poor quality;
- (d) if so, the action taken against the exporters so that the country's credibility is not affected in the foreign countries; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d) & (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d) & (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 190 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 01-12-2000.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the news item under reference, the traders in Pakistan are not showing interest in lifting sugar imported from India as it is of 'low quality'. The news item also states that main political parties, farmers' unions and big farmers in Pakistan have also opposed the import of sugar from India.

(c) No such complaint has been received by the Government. Sugar from India continues to be exported to Pakistan. The quantity of sugar exported to Pakistan during the current financial year (upto 23.11.2000) was about 1.00 lakh tonnes.

(d) & (e) : Do not arise.