

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1047

ANSWERED ON:24.11.2000

IMPORT AND EXPORT OF SUGAR

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

- (a) the value and quantity of sugar imported and exported during each of the last three years, country-wise;
- (b) the losses incurred as a result of import and export of sugar during the last three years and as on date;
- (c) the foreign exchange spent and earned during the above period;
- (d) whether the Government have allowed export of sugar to Pakistan recently;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether any policy has been chalked out by the Government for export of sugar and other commodities; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SREENIVASA PRASAD)

- (a) The quantity and value of sugar imported and exported during each of the last 3 financial years country-wise are given in Annexures A and B respectively.
- (b) The exports and imports of sugar are being undertaken by the private parties/public sector undertakings as per their commercial judgement and as such, there is no question of loss to the Government.
- (c) Since there are no exports and imports of sugar on Government account, the details of foreign exchange spent/earned are not available with this Ministry.
- (d) & (e) : The exports of sugar are being undertaken to various countries including Pakistan. During the current financial year, i.e., 2000-2001 (upto 17.11.2000), Registration-cum-Allocation Certificates (RCAC) have been issued for export of sugar to Pakistan for a quantity of about 1.72 lakh tonnes (Prov.). However, physical export is under progress.
- (f) & (g) : The policy of the government to permit exports of agricultural products is governed principally by the concerns of India's food security, maximising farm incomes and earning foreign exchange. Review of export performance of agricultural products is an on-going process and accordingly policy interventions are made as and when considered necessary with a view to making agricultural exports increasingly viable. Export policy is being constantly updated and export regime in respect of agricultural products has been liberalised. Very few items are now either prohibited for exports or their exports restricted or are subject to quantitative ceilings.

Due to surplus production and stock of sugar in the country, the Government had released a quantitative ceiling of 10 lakh MTs for export during the current year and placed at the disposal of APEDA for issuing RCAC. As on 17.11.2000, APEDA has issued RCACs for a quantity of 4.29 lakh tonnes (Provisional) and the release orders for the same have also been issued by the Directorate of Sugar.

Government have decided to export wheat from the surplus stocks available with it. Wheat will be made available by the FCI for export at a price not lower than the Central Issue Price (CIP) for BPL category which, at present is Rs. 4,150/- per MT.

ANNEXURE-A

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1047 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 24-11-2000.

COUNTRY WISE IMPORT OF SUGAR FINANCIAL YEAR BASIS (SOURCE DGCIS, CALCUTTA)

1997-98 (Final) 1998-99 (Final) 1999-2000+

Sl.No.Name of Country Qty.in Value in Qty. in Value in Qty. in Value
tonnes Rs./Cr. tonnes Rs./Cr. tones Rs./Cr.

1. Australia 97 0.17

2. Belgium 2021 3.16 3743 4.76 4161 4.56

3. Brazil 175936 235.12 106645 116.78 542296 519.27

4. France 30291 41.80

5. Canada 27 0.08 43 0.11

6. China PRP 8666 10.95 135741 145.95

7 Denmark Nil Nil 86 0.08

8. Ecuador Nil Nil 344 0.29

9. France 35078 45.73 8133 6.87

10. German F REP. 7790 10.87 12316 15.48 9053 8.48

11. Indonesia 96 0.21 72 0.35 607 1.44

12. Iran 430 0.49 Nil Nil

13. Korea RP 5 0.05 27400 26.83

14. Malaysia 1526 1.89 Nil Nil

15. Mexico 6250 8.35 38927 49.28 21727 21.37

16. Myanmar 2099 2.62

17. Nepal 22 0.03 822 1.11

18. Nether Land 539 0.69 215 0.22

19. Pakistan 33226 47.71 596402 749.64 56955 55.07

20. Philippines 476 0.41

21. Singapur 5215 7.22 3525 4.27 1562 1.38

22. Saudia Arab 423 0.55

23. South Africa 16497 23.14 234 0.35 6335 5.72

24. Sudan 8500 12.37 Nil Nil

25. Thailand 20600 27.42 35817 39.66 206576 204.41

26. U Arab Ents 29333 39.45 39062 47.14 77938 89.18

27. U K 2281 3.25 8935 11.23 11138 10.26

28. Ukraine Nil Nil 2149 1.77

29. USA 14274 18.81 Nil Nil 1659 1.47

Total 346905 470.26 900471 1111.22 1114940 1105.84

+ - Provisional

ANNEXURE-B

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FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 24-11-2000.

COUNTRY WISE EXPORT OF SUGAR ON FINANCIAL YEAR BASIS (SOURCE DGCIS, CALCUTTA)

1997-98 (Final) 1998-99 (Final) 1999-2000+

Sl.No. Name of Country Qty.in Value in Qty. in Value in Qty.in Value
tonnes Rs./Cr. tonnes Rs./Cr. tonnes Rs./Cr.

+ Provisional