

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1264

ANSWERED ON:02.03.2001

EXPORT OF SUGAR

GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;NAWAL KISHORE RAI;SUSHIL KUMAR
INDORA;Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

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

- (a) whether the Government have fixed a target for export of sugar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the countries to which sugar is being exported alongwith its price and quantity;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the estimated quantum of sugar in the country by the end of December, 2000;
- (e) whether India sugar is not being lifted by other countries due to its higher price than in the international market;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the demand of Indian sugar in Pakistan is increasing; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government have allowed export of 10 lakh tonnes of sugar during the licensing year 2000-2001.

(c) & (d): As per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S) Calcutta, during financial year 2000-2001 (upto November, 2000), a quantity of about 1,40,863 MTs has been exported. The country-wise details and its value are given at Annexure.

As per the latest available information from the exporters, a quantity of about 3.72 lakh tonnes (Provisional) has been physically exported upto 17.02.2001. Besides preferential quota exports to EEC and USA, the country-wise exports of sugar from September,2000 to 17th February, 2001 are as under:-

(PROVISIONAL) (QUANTITY IN MTs)

Sl. No. Name of the country Quantity

1.	BANGLADESH	51,750
2.	SRILANKA	37,350
3.	PAKISTAN	1,70,735
4.	YEMEN	6,000
5.	AFGHANISTAN	420
6.	DESTINATION NOT KNOWN	1,05,315
	TOTAL:	3,71,570 (P)

Since exports of sugar are being undertaken by various private exporters, the details such as price of sugar exported etc. are not available.

The stock position of sugar in the country as on 31.12.2000 was around 108.32 lakh tonnes.

(e) & (f): Due to high cost of production of sugar in the country and the prevailing low level of prices of sugar in the international market exports are not proving viable. In order to make exports of sugar viable, Government have taken the following measures:-

(i) The sugar meant for export has been exempted from the levy obligation. This exemption, which was initially available for a period of six months, commencing from 1st June 2000, has been extended upto 31.3.2001.

(ii) It has been decided to treat the quantity exported for commercial exports as advance free sale release to be adjusted after a period of 12 months from the date of release.

(iii) It has also been decided that the levy exemption on the quantity of sugar meant for commercial exports, if it cannot be availed by the sugar factory out of 1999-2000 season's production due to the completion of its levy obligation, may be availed by the concerned sugar factory from the production in the ensuing sugar season.

(iv) DEPB at the rate of 5% of the F.O.B. value of exports of sugar has been allowed.

(g) & (h): Out of the total physical export of around 3.72 lakh tonnes of sugar made upto 17.02.2001, a quantity of about 1.71 lakh tonnes has been exported to Pakistan.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1264 FOR ANSWER IN THE SABHA ON 2-3-2001.

STATEMENT SHOWING COUNTRY-WISE EXPORT OF SUGAR AND ITS VALUE DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2000 (UPTO NOVEMBER, 2000).

Sl.NO. Name of the Country Quantity in MTs Value in Rs./Crores

1. Australia	151	0.13
2. Bangladesh	14898	18.59
3. Bhutan	110	0.16
4. Canada	108	0.25
5. Italy	126	0.30
6. Malaysia	5579	5.57
7. Nepal	981	1.55
8. Pakistan	95746	133.02
9. Portugal	340	0.47
10. Singapore	167	0.18
11. Srilanka	13799	17.66
12. U.Arab EMTS.	232	0.39
13. U.S.A.	241	0.93
14. Yemen Rep.	7307	9.27
15. Other destinations	1078	1.65
Total	1,40,863	190.12

SOURCE:- DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE AND STATISTICS (DGCI&S) CALCUTTA.