

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3125
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2001
PDS AND SUGAR INDUSTRY
JASWANT SINGH YADAV

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

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'New PDSa boost to sugar industry' appearing in the Hindustan Times dated April 4, 2001;
- (b) if so, the quantity of sugar released by the Government for free sale; and
- (c) the extent to which it is likely to help the industry to clear the sugarcane dues?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The monthly free sale quota for the period January-September, 2001 during the current sugar season 2000-2001 and the corresponding period in the previous sugar season 1999-2000 was as under :-

Monthly Free Sale quota in Lakh Tonnes

MONTHS	SEASON	
	1999-2000	2000-2001
January	8.00	8.25
February	8.25	8.50
March	8.50	9.00
April	9.00	10.50
May	9.50	11.00
June	9.00	10.50
July	8.50	9.50
August	8.50	9.50
September	9.00	10.00

78.25 86.75

(c): This additional quantity of 8.50 lakh MTs. of free sale sugar was released in the open market during January - September, 2001 over the corresponding period in the last season with the objective to help sugar industry realize more and inturn clear the cane price dues in time.