

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

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

- (a) whether the Indian sugar exporters have found new markets in the Gulf countries like Egypt for the export of sugar;
- (b) if so, whether any concrete proposals have been finalised in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) the quantity of sugar to be exported to the Gulf countries and at what rate; and
- (e) the names of the other countries where the sugar is being exported by India and how far the prices of the Indian sugar compare with the other sugar exporting countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI S L MAHARIA)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): The export of sugar is allowed under the Open General Licence (O.G.L.) under the present EXIM policy and as such various sugar mills/exporters are exporting sugar as per their commercial judgement. India is not in competition with any country regarding export of sugar.

As per DGC&S during financial year 2002-2003, sugar was exported mainly to Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Canada, Indonesia, Iran, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, U.A.E. and Yemen.