

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1181
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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF SUGAR AND EDIBLE OILS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the gap between supply and demand of sugar and edible oils available in the country during the last three years; (
- (b) the quantum and rates at which sugar and edible oil imported alongwith name of countries from where such imports have been made during lthe last three year i.e. 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;
- (c) whether the Government have received complaints about bad quality of sugar and edible oil imported from abroad; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government on these complaints?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREEI PRASAD)

(a) As regards sugar it may be mentioned that the production and consumption of sugar in the country during the last three sugar seasons (October-September) 1996-97 to 1998-99 were as under :-

(Quantities in lakh tonnes)

| Sugar Season (Oct.-Sept.) | Carry over stocks at the beginning of the season | Production from domestic sugar | Internal Consumption |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|

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|-------------|-------|--------|--------|
| 1996-97 | 79.07 | 129.05 | 136.75 |
| 1997-98 | 66.01 | 128.44 | 139.78 |
| 1998-99 (P) | 53.70 | 155.20 | 141.45 |

(P) = Provisional.

With the carryover stocks of sugar at the beginning of the sugar season and the production of sugar during the sugar season, the requirement of sugar for internal consumption has been fully met and there has been no shortage of sugar in the country.

(ii) As regards edible oils the position of Demand-Supply-Gap is as given below:

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

| Oil Year | Supply | Demand | Gap |
|----------|--------|--------|----------------------------|
| 1996-97 | 70.90 | 83.72 | 12.83 |
| 1997-98 | 62.00 | 80.93 | 18.93 |
| 1998-99 | 72.61 | 91.99 | 35.06 (Import/Shortfall)++ |

++ According to Industry, about 43.94 lakh MT of oils has been imported.

(SOURCE: DIRECTORATE OF VANASPATI, VEGETABLE OILS & FATS) .

(b)

(i) Sugar has been imported under Open General Licence (O.G.L.), by various private parties and Government does not keep the records regarding rates of purchase etc. of individual imports. However, the quantity of sugar imported during the financial years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 (upto November, 1999) is as given below :

S.No. Financial year Quantity (in MTs)

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. 1997-98 | 346905 |
| 2. 1998-99 | 857691 |
| 3. 1999-2000 (upto November, 99) | 884024 |

SOURCE :- DGCIS - CALCUTTA.

The names of the countries from where sugar be imported are given at Annexure

(as per DGCIS - Calcutta).

(ii) The quantities of edible oils imported during the oil year 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 (November-March) are 20.84 lakh MT, 43.93 lakh MT and 9.72 lakh MT respectively. The imports have been made mainly from Malaysia, Indonesia, Brazil, Argentina and USA.

(c) & (d) :

(i) In so far sugar is concerned, one non-specific complaint about bad quality of sugar being imported was received. Since the matter came within the purview of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the same was forwarded to them. This Ministry has also requested Director General of Health Services to issue necessary instructions to the concerned Departments of States/UTAs to strictly enforce the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and its Rules in regard to imported sugar.

(ii) The office of the Directorate of Vanaspati, Vegetable Oils and Fats have written to Health Ministry to activate the enforcement machinery and intensify the quality control measures. They have also written to the vegetable oil industry to ensure strict compliance of the Rules and Regulation in the matter.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY IN TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1181 FOR ANSWER IN LOK SABHA ON 02.03.2000.

STATEMENT SHOWING NAMES OF THE COUNTRIES FROM WHERE SUGAR HAS BEEN IMPORTED.

(SOURCE : DGCIS&S-CALCUTTA)

S.No. Name of the Country

1. Pakistan

2. Brazil

3. UAE

4. Thailand

5. Mexico

6. France

7 Germany

8. People`s Republic of China

9. Sudan

10. U.K.

11. Belgium

12. Singapore

13. Japan

14. Malaysia

15. Netherlands

16. Iran

17. South Africa

18. China-Taipei

19. Indonesia

20. Korea

21. Nepal

22. Canada

23. Myanmar

24. Phillippines

25. Saudi Arab

26. U.S.A.

27. Australia

28. Ecuador

29. Ukraine