GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether the Government are contemplating on export of sugar; (
- (b) if so, the quantity and the rate of exported sugar, country-wise; and (
- (c) the scheme/programme being formulated by the Government to enhance sugar production in sugar producing areas alongwith the proposed financial assistance to be given to each State for this purpose during 2000-2001?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Due to low level of prices prevailing in the international market, the export of sugar is not economically. However, export of sugar against preferential quotas of EEC & USA and a small quantity of sugar to Nepal under bi-lateral Indo-Nepal Treaty of Trade, is being undertaken.
- (c) Government of India is providing financial assistance to the sugar mills from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) on soft terms for their sugarcane development and Modernisation/ Rehabilitation schemes. As on 31.12.1999, the amounts of Rs. 414.33 crores for cane-development in 611 cases and Rs. 889.93 crores for modernisation in 206 cases have been disbursed from Sugar Development Fund.