

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

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SUGAR PRODUCTION

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

- (a) the total production, availability stock and demand of sugar during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the present parameters including decline in area under sugarcane indicate lower production of sugar in the country including Maharashtra during the ensuing season;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken to tackle the likely shortage of sugar in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The total estimated production, availability of stock and demand of sugar during each of the last three sugar seasons (October-September) are given below:

(Figures in Lac Tons)

Sl. Particulars Sugar season
No.

2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 (P)

1 Production 282 263 147

2 Opening Stocks as on 1st October 44 105 100

3 Total Availability (1+2) 326 368 247

4 Demand 191 205 220

(b)&(c): It is too early to estimate sugar production in the country including Maharashtra in the ensuing 2010-11 sugar season. However, the present parameters do not indicate decline in area under sugarcane for ensuing sugar season 2010-11 as compared to current 2009-10 sugar season.

(d): Due to low production in 2008-09 and 2009-10 sugar seasons, the Central Government has taken several steps to tackle shortage of sugar in the country. Details are at Annexure.