

**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) whether the sugar production in the country is likely to increase during the ensuing year;
- (b) if so, the details of the estimated production of sugar during the ensuing year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of reduction in sugar levy on its prices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As per the estimates given by the Cane Commissioners of major sugarcane producing States, the production of sugar during the current sugar season 2010-11 is provisionally estimated at about 245 lac tons. The State-wise details are given at Annexure. It is too early to speak of sugar production during the ensuing year i.e. 2011-12 as planting of sugarcane has barely started.

(c) & (d) The price of levy sugar is determined under the statutory provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. It has no relation to the reduction or increase of levy sugar percentage on sugar mills. As regards price of non-levy sugar, the same depends upon production, supply, demand, international prices and market sentiments etc.