

**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 quantum of sugarcane procured by sugar mills during each of the last three years;
- (b) the quantum of sugar produced by these mills during the said period;
- (c) the quantum out of the above that was exported alongwith the rates at which exports were made; and
- (d) the efforts made by the Government to increase the production of sugar alongwith the success achieved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b) Quantities of sugarcane crushed by sugar mills in the country and sugar produced during last three sugar seasons (Oct.-Sept.) are as under: -

Sugar Season	Sugarcane crushed by sugar mills (in lac tons)	Sugar produced (in lac tons)
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2007-08	2527	263
2008-09 (Prov.)	1458	147
2009-10 (Prov.)	1860	188

(c) Government did not export sugar on its account during the last three year. Export of sugar is undertaken by sugar mills /merchant exporters, as per their commercial operations. The prices of sugar in the international market varied from time to time and data on export prices realized by such exporters are not maintained by Government.

As per data received from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), Kolkata, 58.23 lac tons, 2.16 lac tons and 2.37 lac tons of sugar were exported during 2007-08,2008-09,and 2009-10 sugar seasons, respectively.

(d) Government has taken number of steps to increase production of sugarcane and sugar in the country as detailed at Annex. As a result, the production of sugar during current sugar season 2010-11 is estimated to be higher than last sugar season.