

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:61
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EXPORT OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of sugar produced and exported during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to export five lakh ton of sugar in addition to the usual export of the sugar;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has decided to allow more exports after assessing the demand of sugar in the domestic market and the impact on the prices of the sugar domestically; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) The data regarding production and export of sugar during last three years are given below:

S.No.	Sugar Season (Oct. to Sep.)	Sugar Production (in lakh tons)	Sugar Export (in lakh tons)
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1	2007-08	263.0	58.0
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2	2008-09	146.7	2.1
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3	2009-10	188.0	2.4
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(Source : DFPD)

(b-e) Export of agricultural products depends on several factors including availability of surplus, international demand and supply situation, quality standard and price competitiveness. Whenever, there is scarcity or short supply of any product in the domestic market, government prohibits or restricts exports to ensure availability of such products to consumers at reasonable price. In the current year, the sugar production is expected to be 242 lakh tons and accordingly the Government has allowed the export of 5 lakh tons of sugar under Open General License (OGL) vide circular no. 3-3/2010-ES/180 dated 19.4.2011. Further, Government has approved export of additional five lakh tons of sugar under OGL on 28.6.2011 in view of the adequate availability and stable prices of sugar in the domestic market.