

**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 details of production, availability, demand and surplus stock of sugar during the current sugar season, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has made any allocation for export of sugar during the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the quantum of sugar allocated for domestic market and exports during the said period; and
- (d) the estimated availability of sugar at the beginning of the new sugar season in October, 2011?

**Answer**

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

(a): With the carry over stock of 49 lac tons of last sugar season 2009-10 and estimated sugar production at about 242 lac tons during the current sugar season 2010-11, the total availability of sugar is provisionally estimated at about 291 lac tons against the estimated domestic demand of 211 lac tons and estimated export of 21.23 lac tons allowed by the Central Government under various categories, there by leaving a sugar stock of about 59 lac tons at the end of the current sugar season. The details of State-wise estimated production is given at Annexure. The data on State-wise availability, demand and surplus stock is not maintained by the Government.

(b) & (c): Yes Madam. Keeping in view the sugar stocks in the country, the estimated domestic consumption, additional liquidity to the sugar sector by capitalizing on the low global sugar balance and better international prices, the Central Government, in June, 2011 has allowed export of 5 lac tons of raw and white/refined sugar under Open General Licence (OGL) in addition to 5 lac tons allowed earlier in March/April,2011. Besides, the Government had also permitted export of sugar against Advance Authorization Scheme (AAS), exports to neighbouring countries and against preferential quota of European Union and USA to the tune of about 11.23 lac tons. The Government has also issued release orders for 190.38 lac tons of sugar for domestic market upto August, 2011.

(d): The estimated closing stock of 59 lac tons, deflated by 5% to account for damages, releases under court orders etc., would mean that the new sugar season would start with a balance of around 56 lac tons.