

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

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SUGAR STOCK

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

(a) the total stock of sugar in the country presently, State-wise;

(b) whether the present estimates suggest that there would be a bumper production of sugar in the country again during 2011-12 following huge production during 2010-11;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated closing stocks for 2010-11, production and surplus stock of sugar during 2011-12; and

(d) the manner in which the said surplus stock is proposed to be utilised during the ensuing season?

Answer

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

(a): The stock of sugar available with the sugar mills as on 31.7.2011 is estimated to be around 102 lac tons and the State-wise figures of the stock is given in Annexure.

(b) & (c): As per the latest information available, the sugarcane cultivation area has increased by 5 percent over the previous crop year. However, it is too early to estimate the production and surplus stock of sugar during 2011-12 sugar season. The closing stock of sugar for 2010-11 sugar season, estimated around 59 lac tons, deflated by 5% to account for damages, releases under court orders etc., would mean that the opening stock of sugar would be around 56 lac tons for 2011-12 sugar season.

(d): In view of above, the question does not arise.