

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

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RISE IN 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 rise during the ensuing sugar season, 2011-12, in view of the increased sugarcane production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated increase in production of sugar during the said period;
- (c) whether sugar was imported during the last three years due to lower production in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of sugar imported and the expenditure incurred thereon, year-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Based on the first advance estimates of sugarcane production released by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation in September 2011, sugar production in the country is projected to be at about 246 lac tons for the current sugar season 2011-12 as against production of about 243 lac tons (provisional) during the last sugar season 2010-11 showing marginal increase in sugar production.

(c) & (d) : The Central Government did not import sugar on its account during last three sugar seasons. However, it allowed duty free import of raw sugar by the sugar mills from 17.02.2009 to 30.09.2009 under Advance Authorization Scheme (AAS) on 'ton-to-ton' basis and import of raw and white/refined sugar under Open General License (OGL) w.e.f. 17.04.2009 which is in force upto 30.11.2011.

The quantity and value of sugar imported during last three sugar seasons is given below :-

Sugar Season    Quantity imported    Value  
(in lac MTs)    (Rs. In lacs)

2008-09    10.97    192340.72

2009-10    19.42    516964.43

2010-11    2.96    77628.58  
(upto July, 2011)

Source:- Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCIS), Kolkata.