

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

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SUGAR EXPORT

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

- (a) the total estimated production of sugar during the marketing season, 2011-12 alongwith the total estimated demand in the country during the same period;
- (b) whether the Government is contemplating export of sugar during the current year;
- (c) the details thereof indicating the quantum proposed to be exported during the said period;
- (d) whether the proposed export of sugar in the current year is likely to have an adverse impact on domestic sugar prices which have already been rising during the last six months; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to maintain the availability and control the price of sugar in the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Based on the first advance estimates of sugarcane production released by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation in September, 2011, the production of sugar is provisionally estimated at about 246 lac tons as against the estimated domestic demand of about 220 lac tons in the country during the current sugar season 2011-12.
- (b) & (c) The Government has recently allowed export of sugar upto 10 lac tons during 2011-12 sugar season under Open General License (OGL).
- (d) & (e) The prices of sugar in the domestic market depend upon various factors namely, quantum of sugar produced, carried over stocks, domestic demand, international sugar prices and market sentiments etc. As such, it is not possible to indicate the impact of exports on domestic prices. It is the endeavor of the Government to make adequate sugar available at reasonable price through the policy of regulated release mechanism.