

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

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

- (a) the total quantity of sugar exported by the Government during the year 2011-12;
- (b) the price at which it was exported during the said period;
- (c) the average estimates regarding the domestic consumption of sugar during the said period;
- (d) whether the Government is taking any steps to deregulate sugar prices;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which the report on the same is expected to come?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The Central Government does not export sugar on its own. Exports of sugar are carried out by sugar mills/ merchant exporters as per their commercial prudence. As per Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCIS) Kolkata, 429505 MTs of sugar valued at Rs.1458.21 crores has been exported upto December, 2011 during the current sugar season 2011-12 (October-September). Since international prices vary from time to time and exports are undertaken by sugar mills/ merchant exporters, the price at which such sugar was exported is not maintained.

(c) During the current sugar season 2011-12, the domestic consumption of sugar is provisionally estimated at about 220 lac tons.

(d)&(e) No such decision has been taken by the Central Government. However, a committee under the chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangrajan, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council (EAC) to Prime Minister has been constituted on 20.01.2012 to look into all the issues of deregulation of sugar sector .

(f) No time limit has been fixed for the committee to submit its report.