

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:261

ANSWERED ON:24.04.2012

PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR

Jawale Shri Haribhau Madhav;Meghwal Shri Bharat Ram

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

- (a) the present stock of sugar in the country alongwith the estimated production during the year 2011-12 and the projected production in 2012-13;
- (b) the estimated domestic consumption of sugar in the country during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government has cleared any proposal to export sugar during this period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of sugar exported during the last three years and the proposed exports in 2012-13;
- (e) whether suggestions have been received from various quarters, to impose ban on export of sugar; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 261 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 24.04.2012 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) The stock of sugar available with the sugar mills in the country, as on 31.03.2012, is provisionally estimated at around 174 lac tons. The production of sugar is provisionally estimated at about 252 lac tons during the 2011-12 sugar season (October-September). As the sugarcane plantation for the next sugar season is in progress, it is too early to make estimate of sugar production during 2012-13 sugar season.

(b) The domestic consumption of sugar in the country is provisionally estimated at about 220 lac tons during the current 2011-12 sugar season.

(c) & (d) During the current sugar season 2011-12, the Central Government has already allowed export of 20 lac tons of sugar in two tranches of 10 lac tons each under Open General Licence (OGL) and 1.53 lac tons under other schemes. The Government has further decided to export another 10 lac tons of sugar under OGL which is yet to be operationalised. As per the data published by DGCIS, Kolkata, the quantum of sugar exported during the last three sugar seasons i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 & 2010-11 was 2.165 lac tons, 2.371 lac tons and 28.14 lac tons, respectively. As the Government has made no estimates of sugar production for 2012-13 sugar season, it is not possible to indicate the likely export of sugar in the ensuing season.

(e) No, Madam.

(f) Does not arise.