

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

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

- (a) the quantum of sugar produced and exported during each of the last three sugar seasons;
- (b) whether the Government allowed sugar exports during the current year based on the figures indicating huge surplus production during the current season;
- (c) if so, whether the said figures have been revised subsequently to a much lower figure;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the original and the revised estimates in this regard; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken to ensure availability and check the prices of sugar in the domestic market?

Answer

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

(a): The quantum of sugar produced and exported during each of the last three sugar seasons is as follows: -

Sugar Season Production of Sugar Export of Sugar

(October- (in Lac Tons) (in Lac Tons) #
September)

2008-09 147 2.165

2009-10 188 2.371

2010-11 243.50 (Prov.) 28.14

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), Kolkata

(b): The decision to allow export of sugar has been taken keeping in view the sugar stocks in the country, estimated sugar production during current sugar season, the estimated domestic consumption, the initial estimates about the sugarcane planting for the ensuing sugar season and the domestic prices of sugar.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): The initial sugar production estimates of 246.65 lac tons were subsequently revised upwards to 251.97 lac tons, based on the second advance estimates of sugarcane production released by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) on 03.02.2012.

(e): It is the endeavor of the Government to make adequate sugar available at reasonable price in the domestic market through the policy of regulated release mechanism.