

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

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

- (a) whether inadequate monsoon would lead to low production of sugar during the year 2012-13; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps contemplated to tackle the likely shortfall in sugar production?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per reports received from major sugar producing States, the deficiency in monsoon in some parts of the country may affect sugarcane yield with consequent reduction in sugar production. First advance estimates of production for the year 2012-13 for kharif crops including sugarcane are yet to be released. However, as per reports received from State Governments concerned and also the sugar industry, likely production of sugar in the country will be sufficient to meet the domestic requirement.