

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

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SUGAR QUOTA

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

- (a) whether quota of sugar for sale in the open market is fixed by the Government keeping in view the requirement for consumption in the country during the year till the next sugar season;
- (b) if so, the quantity of sugar released for sale on monthly basis since October, 2011 till August, 2012, month-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has made any estimates regarding the demand and availability of sugar for consumption in the country for the sugar season October, 2011 to September, 2012; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the sugar stocks likely to be available during the current sugar season and at the end of September, 2012?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) :- Yes Madam. The non-levy quota of sugar for sale in the open market is released by the Government, inter-alia, keeping in view the requirement for consumption in the country. A statement showing month-wise releases of non-levy sugar for consumption in the country from October, 2011 to September, 2012 is given at Annexure.

(c) & (d):- The production of sugar during 2011-12 sugar season (October-September) is provisionally estimated at 260.0 Lac tons as against the estimated consumption of about 220.0 lac tons. Based on the carry-over stocks from the previous season, production of sugar, consumption, exports of sugar allowed, the closing stock likely to be available with the sugar mills at the end of September, 2012 is provisionally estimated at 62 lac tons.