

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:75
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2012
PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the production, consumption, export and price of sugar during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to deregulate and allow export of sugar during the ensuing years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum proposed/likely to be exported during 2012-13;
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the production of sugar and the impact of export on the prices of sugar; and
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 75 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 14.08.2012 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a): The details of production, domestic releases for consumption, export and the range of all India average retail price of sugar during the last three sugar seasons and the current 2011-12 sugar season are given below:-

Sugar Season	Production of Sugar (October -September)	Domestic Releases (in Lac Tons)	Export of Sugar (in Lac Tons)	All India Average Retail Price of sugar (Rs. per Kg.)#
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2008-09	147	230.80	2.165	19.50 - 31.43
2009-10	188	211.98	2.371	30.00 - 39.56
2010-11	243.50	208.00	28.14	30.24 - 33.40
2011-12	260	220	13.51	32.08 - 37.85
	(Estimated)	(Estimated)	(Upto March, 2012)	(upto 7th August, 2012)

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

Price Monitoring Cell of M/o Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.

(b) & (c): The Central Government has decided in May,2012 to allow export of sugar under Open General Licence (OGL) without any restrictions subject to prior registration of quantity with Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry. No decision has been taken to allow export of sugar for the ensuing sugar years including 2012-13.

(d) & (e): The Government has made estimates of sugar production of the current sugar season at about 260 lakh tons as against estimated consumption of about 220 lakh tons. Keeping in view the closing stocks of preceding season, estimated production and demand of sugar during current sugar season, prices of sugar in domestic as well as international market, the Government has permitted export of sugar in the current sugar season. The market price of sugar depends upon various factors like domestic production and demand, opening stocks with sugar mills, market sentiments and international sugar prices etc. As such, it is not possible to indicate the impact of export alone on the sugar prices.