

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

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SUGAR EXPORT POLICY

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to allow free export policy and revise the import duty on sugar during the marketing season 2012-13 in view of likely surplus production in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the production, demand, import and export of sugar during each of the last three years and the estimated figures for 2012-13;
- (c) the details of the countries importing/exporting sugar along with the Indian agencies involved in the process; and
- (d) the incentives/assistance provided to the exporters during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Sugar production in the current sugar season 2012-13 is estimated to be sufficient to meet the estimated domestic consumption requirement. As such, large surplus production of sugar in this season is not expected at present. Changes in export policy would be made, if considered appropriate depending upon the production, availability and international as well as domestic prices of sugar. As regards revision of import duty, no decision has been taken by the Government so far. The production, demand, import and export of sugar during each of last three sugar seasons and the estimated figures for 2012-13 are as under;

Sugar Season (Oct-Sept)	Sugar Production (in lac tons)	Demand/Sugar Consumption (in lac tons)	Quantity exported (in lac tons)	Quantity imported
2009-10	188.02	220.00	2.371	41.80
2010-11	244.00	210.00	28.14	3.65
2011-12	260.65	223.00	36.735	1.886
2012-13	230.00	230.00	N.A	N.A

Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata
Department of Revenue
N.A (Not Available)

(c) : As per data published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata export of sugar from India during last three sugar seasons have been mainly to Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Djibouti, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Somalia & UAE etc and import of sugar in India was mainly from Brazil, Thailand, Myanmar, South Africa, Argentina and UAE etc. There had been hardly any export/import of sugar during current sugar season 2012-13 so far. The preferential quota for exports to European Union and USA are done by M/s. Indian Sugar Exim Corporation (ISEC) Ltd. Government of India does not export or import sugar on its own account and exports & imports are undertaken by merchant exporters- importers as per their commercial prudence. As such, the details about Indian agencies involved in the export / import process is not centrally maintained.

(d): No incentive/assistance was provided to the exporters during the said period.