

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2773
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IMPORT DUTY ON RAW SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sugar industry has been requesting the Government to increase the import duty on raw sugar from 10% to 25% for safeguarding the domestic markets from price distortion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government for safeguarding indigenous sugar industry and maintaining the status quo with international markets?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): In view of the prevailing low international prices of sugar, certain sections of sugar industry have requested the Government to increase the import duty on raw/white/refined sugar to 25%. At present, 10% duty has been imposed on raw/white/ refined sugar with effect from 13.07.2012.
- (c): The Government is keeping a close watch on the situation and appropriate decisions would be taken at the appropriate time keeping in view the interests of all stakeholders.