

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1818  
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SUGAR PRICES  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the sugar prices in domestic market increased by more than 30 per cent during the last month consequent upon the announcement of Export of Sugar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for making such hasty decisions/announcements which affect common people; and
- (c) the steps taken to check rise in prices in domestic market?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No Madam. The average AH India Retail Price of sugar in the domestic market during the last month of October, 2012 were stable and are in the range of Rs. 39 to 40 per Kg, Sugar Production in the current sugar season 2012-13 is estimated to be sufficient to meet the estimated consumption requirement. As such, no announcement of export of sugar during current year (Oct., 2012-Sept., 2013) has been made so far.

(c): The Government during the months of July, 2012 to September, 2012 has taken following measures to control price of sugar in domestic market:-

- (i) The unsold non-levy quota of about 2 lac tonnes from April to June quarter was allowed for sale in the open market upto 14.08.2012 on 13.07.2012;
- (ii) Sugar mills have been directed to sell at least 70% of July-September quota by August, 2012 vide order dated 24.07.2012;
- (iii) Additional quota of 2.66 lac tonnes has been released on 27th July, 2012 to be sold off by 31st August, 2012;
- (iv) Another additional quota of 4 lac tonnes has been released on 7th August, 2012 to be sold off by 31st August, 2012; and
- (v) Higher non levy quota of 40 lac tonnes for the months of Oct., 12 and Nov., 12 has been released in the open market on 28.09.2012