

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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DUTY ON SUGAR IMPORT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received demands to raise sugar import duty to 60 per cent to stem shipments;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Representations received during November-December, 2012 from industry associations and sugar companies were examined, and after taking into account relevant factors like international prices, domestic prices, import volume, domestic production etc. it was not found feasible to increase the customs duty on sugar.