

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

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

- (a) whether the production and export of sugar have exceeded the estimates/projections made during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total quantity of sugar produced and exported during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to further boost the production and export of sugar in the ensuing year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Central Government revises its estimates of sugar production periodically keeping in view the inputs received from the Cane Commissioners of major sugarcane producing States and the advance estimates of sugarcane production made by the Department of Agriculture & Co-operation. The sugar export is allowed by taking into account the available stocks, estimated production and demand of sugar during the season and prices of sugar in the domestic and international market. The details of sugar produced and exported during the last three sugar seasons is given below:-

(In lac tons)

Sugar Season (October-September)	Sugar Production	Export of Sugar#
2009-10	188	2.15
2010-11	243.50	29.18
2011-12	263.43	36.735

#Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), Kolkata.

(c) & (d): The steps taken by the Central Government to boost the production of sugarcane and sugar are indicated at Annexure. As regards exports, the Central Government, with effect from 11th May, 2012 has allowed export of sugar without restrictions subject to prior registration of quantity with the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

(e): Does not arise.