

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

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

- (a) whether the prices of sugar have risen despite an increase registered in its production till February, 2013;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the estimates by the Government and ISMA have indicated a likely shortfall in production during 2012-13 sugar season;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to put a restriction on exports to ensure availability and check the prices of sugar in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There has been no rise in sugar prices in the domestic market during current 2012-13 sugar season (October-September), till February, 2013 as indicated below :-

Month All-India average monthly retail price of sugar
(in Rs. per Kg.)

October, 2012	39.75
November, 2012	39.71
December, 2012	39.07
January, 2013	38.18
February, 2013	37.52

(c) & (d): As per reports received from the Cane Commissioners of the major sugar producing States and ISMA, production of sugar for the current sugar season 2012-13 is provisionally estimated at about 240 lac tons and 243 lac tons, respectively, as against the estimated sugar production of 263.43 lac tons (Provisional) during the last sugar season 2011-12. The shortfall in production is due to lower production in the States of Maharashtra and Karnataka. The Governments of these States have reported that the deficient monsoon and diversion of sugarcane as fodder have adversely affected sugar production in their States.

(e) & (f): At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to put a restriction on exports. Adequate stock of sugar is available all over the country to meet the domestic demand and the retail prices of sugar are currently stable in the domestic market.