

**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 Government has removed the ban on export/import of raw sugar/sugar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the production, stock, consumption, export and import of sugar during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has received any suggestions/requests to ban export/import of sugar in the ensuing year in view of the likely decline in production; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Central Government removed ban on export of sugar in January, 2007. Presently, export of sugar is permitted under Open General License (OGL) subject to prior registration of quantity with Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). The Central Government did not put ban on import of sugar including raw sugar which is permissible under OGL subject to payment of prescribed import duty. As such, sugar mills/merchant exporters-importers are free to export/import sugar according to their commercial prudence.

The production, consumption, stock, export and import of sugar during last three sugar seasons (October-September) and the current season (upto 31.12.2012) is as under:

(In lac tons)

Sugar Season	Production	Stock at the end of the sugar season	Consumption	Export	Import
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2009-10	188	51.25	220	2.37#	41.80##
2010-11	243.50	58.19	210	28.14#	3.65#
2011-12	263.43	66.96	227.25	36.76#	1.87#
2012-13 (upto 31.12.2012)	80.83	90.10	56.71	2.48#	5.61#

Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, KolKata ## Department of Revenue.

(C) & (d): It is too early to estimate the production of sugar for the ensuing sugar season 2013-14. The Government, so far, has not received any suggestion/request to ban export/ import of sugar in the ensuing sugar season.