

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

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EXPORT OF SUGAR

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken a final decision regarding the quantum of sugar to be exported from the country in the sugar seasons 2012-13 and 2013-14;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of sugar approved for export during the said period along with the quantum exported so far;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the likely availability of sugar during the said period along with its likely impact on the prices;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to adopt a free sugar export policy and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Central Government vide notification dated 11th May, 2012 has dispensed with the requirement of release orders for export of sugar under Open General License (OGL). Export of sugar is now free but subject to prior registration of quantity with Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). Season-wise quantum of sugar for export has not been earmarked. As per Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI), Kolkata, 4.36 lac tons of sugar has been exported during current sugar season 2012-13 till February, 2013 including quantity exported under Advance Authorization Scheme (AAS). Sugar season 2013-14 would commence on 1st October, 2013.

(c) & (d): With the carryover stock of about 67 lac tons and estimated sugar production of about 246 lac tons, the availability of sugar during current sugar season 2012-13 has been estimated to be about 313 lac tons as against estimated consumption of about 230 lac tons. Hence, the availability of sugar in the season is adequate and the prices are currently stable in the domestic market. It is too early to estimate the likely availability of sugar and its impact on prices for the ensuing sugar season 2013-14.

(e): As indicated above, export of sugar is free subject to registration of the quantity with DGFT.