

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:830
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SUGAR INVENTORY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the inventory of sugar stocks held by sugar mills is likely to increase during the current sugar season on account of the opening stocks and likely surplus production during the current season and if so, the details thereof indicating the opening stocks, estimated production, consumption and estimated surplus stock at the end of the season;
- (b) whether the increase of stocks would block cash flow to the industry adversely affecting its viability and holding up cane price arrears;
- (c) if so, whether the industry has sought increase in import duty on sugar and other assistance to tide over this crisis;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) The inventory of sugar stocks held by the sugar mills depend upon the carry over stock, estimated production, domestic consumption and likely exports during the sugar season. The details of opening stocks, estimated production, consumption and closing stocks at the end of the current sugar season 2013-14 are given below:-

(Provisional)

Particulars	Quantity (in lac Tons)
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Opening Stocks	91.09
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Estimated Sugar Production	241.31
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Estimated Domestic Consumption	235
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Estimated Exports	10.00
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Estimated Closing Stock	87.40
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(b), (c) & (d) The industry has sought assistance including increase in import duty to overcome the present situation. The Government has formed an Informal Group of Union Ministers under the Chairmanship of Minister of Agriculture to look into the problems being faced by the sugar industry.

