

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRADING RESTRICTIONS ON SUGAR INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the lack of export subsidy and other trading restrictions have impacted sugar industry and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to revisit its current trade policy for sugar and remove such restrictions and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps being taken by the Government to boost country's share in global sugar exports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a & b) As per extant policy, the exports of sugar is free without quantitative restrictions subject to prior registration by DGFT. To enhance the production of new product raw sugar targeted for export market, the Central Government vide notification date 28.02.2014, provided incentive towards Marketing and Promotion Service of Raw Sugar Production for 2013-14 sugar season @ Rs. 3300/- per MT for February-March, Rs. 2277/- per MT for April-May, Rs. 3300/- per MT for June-July & Rs. 3371/- per MT for August-September. The scheme was further extended vide notification dated 27.02.2015 to provide incentive @ Rs. 4000/- per MT upto 14 Lakh MT for the current sugar season 2014-15 (October- September).

(c) Encouraging exports is a continuous process. The export of agricultural products depend on various factors including availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock if any including, strategic reserve, concerns of food security, diplomatic/humanitarian considerations, international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness, need to balance between remunerative prices to the growers and availability of agricultural products to common man at affordable prices.