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

STARRED QUESTION NO:109 ANSWERED ON:15.07.2014 IMPORT DUTY ON SUGAR Mahtab Shri Bhartruhari

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

(a) the details of the production, consumption and import of sugar in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has taken decision to increase the import duty on sugar;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the benefits likely to accrue to the consumers and manufacturers from the said decision; and

(d) whether the Government has extended subsidy on exports of raw sugar and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a), (b) (c) & (d):A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 109 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 15.07.2014 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a):The details of the production, consumption and Import of sugar in the country during each of the last three Sugar seasons and the current sugar season 2013-14 are as under :-

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Sugar Season Production Consumption Import
(October- (In Lac MT) (In Lac MT) (In Lac MT)
September)
2010-11 243.50 208.00 3.65
2011-12 263.43 227.25 1.88
2012-13 251.83 230.00 17.12
2013-14 242.27 (upto 240.00 1.45
31st May, (Estimated) (up to
2014 ( Prov) March, 2014)
Source:Directorate of Sugar.
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Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics(DGCIS), Kolkatta.

(b):No, Madam.

(c):Does not arise.

(d):The Central Government on 28.02.2014 has notified a scheme to provide incentive for marketing and promotion services for raw sugar production targeted for export market.

The rate of incentive for the bi-monthly period of February-March, 2014 was Rs 3300 per MT and has been re-calculated for the subsequent bi-monthly periods of April-May and June-July,2014 at Rs 2277 and Rs 3300 per MT respectively. The scheme is aimed at diversification of surplus production into raw sugar having a ready export market so that the liquidity of the mills is improved enabling them to clear the cane price arrears.