

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:623  
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SURPLUS STOCK OF SUGAR  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the sugar industry in the country is facing a problem of surplus stock of sugar and if so, the details thereof indicating the production, demand and stock of sugar during each of the last three years and the current year along with the remedial measures taken in this regard; and

(b) whether any incident of incentivising export and import of sugar simultaneously on account of errors in statistical reporting has been noticed during the said period and if so, the details thereof indicating the incentives provided for the said exports and imports?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a): The production of sugar in the country during last three sugar seasons as well as estimated production during current sugar season 2013-14 has been more than the domestic demand/consumption. The production, domestic demand/consumption and surplus stocks of sugar during the last three sugar seasons and estimates for the current sugar season 2013-14 are as under:-

| Sugar Season       | 2010-11    | 2011-12    | 2012-13 | 2013-14 (Prov.) |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------|-----------------|
| (Oct.-Sept.)       | (Prov.)    | (Upto 31st |         |                 |
|                    | May, 2014) |            |         |                 |
| Production         | 243.50     | 263.43     | 251.83  | 242.27          |
| (In Lac MT)        |            |            |         |                 |
| Demand/            | 208.00     | 227.25     | 230.00  | 240.00          |
|                    |            |            |         |                 |
| Consumption        |            |            |         |                 |
| (In Lac MT)        |            |            |         |                 |
| Surplus Production | 35.50      | 36.18      | 21.83   | 2.27            |
| over Demand        |            |            |         |                 |
| (In Lac MT)        |            |            |         |                 |
| Estimated Closing  | 58.19      | 66.96      | 91.09   | 67.40           |
| Stocks (In Lac MT) |            |            |         |                 |

Keeping in view the estimated availability and demand/consumption of sugar, prices of sugar in the domestic as well as international market, the Government allowed export under Open General Licence (OGL) on the strength of release orders issued by the Directorate of Sugar till May, 2012. Thereafter, export of sugar is free subject to prior registration of quantity with the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). The export of sugar has been allowed to reduce the surplus sugar stocks and improve the liquidity of the sugar mills enabling them to pay the cane price including cane price arrears to the farmers.

(b): No, Madam.