GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2192 ANSWERED ON:05.12.2014 IMPORT OF SUGAR Singh Shri Bhola

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the month-wise details of duty applicable on import of each grade of sugar in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the reasons for frequent modification in import policy;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to make another amendment in it in near future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): The rates of Basic Custom Duty applicable on raw/ white/ refined sugar during last 3 years were as under:

Period Rate of Basic Custom Duty 5th July, 2011 to 30th June, 2012 Nil 1st July, 2012 to 12th July, 2012 60% 13th July, 2012 to 7th July 2013 10% 8th July, 2013 to 20th August, 2014 15% 21st August, 2014 to till date 25%

In addition, raw/ white/ refined sugar attracted additional duty of customs (CVD) @ Rs.95 per quintal and special additional duty of customs (SAD) @ 4% during all this period.

- (b): There are no frequent modifications in import policy. Import policy on sugar was last modified on 6th August, 2009 vide notification No. 120(RE-2008)/2004-09.
- (c) & (d): At present, there is no proposal under consideration for modification of import policy on sugar.