

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1446

ANSWERED ON 21.08.2012

IMPORT OF RAW SUGAR

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

(a) the total quantum of raw sugar imported during the last three years and the current year along with the mills where the same was processed;

(b) whether problems were faced in processing of the said sugar in some States including Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken thereon;

(d) whether the delay in release of imported sugar has led to a rise in the sugar prices;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken to improve the availability and control the prices of sugar?

ANSWER

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

(a): The total quantum of raw sugar imported during the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure-I. The mills where the same was processed is given at Annexure-II.

(b)&(c): The Uttar Pradesh based Sugar mills had faced problem in movement and processing of the raw sugar in the State as Government of Uttar Pradesh had put restrictions on transportation of sugar in the state during 2009-10 sugar season. No problem in processing of raw sugar was reported by other states including Maharashtra.

In order to resolve the difficulties of Uttar Pradesh Sugar mills in getting imported raw sugar processed in the State, the Department of Revenue vide its circular dated 12.01.2010 had prescribed a procedure for processing raw sugar on job work basis by other mills/refineries till

30.06.2010. Further, the Department of Revenue vide circular dated 10.02.2010 had permitted such importing sugar mills/refineries to make a onetime sale till 31.12.2010 of imported raw sugar stocks to other sugar mills/refineries for raw sugar imported till 30.06.2010. Meanwhile, the restrictions imposed by Uttar Pradesh Government were lifted on 19.02.2010.

(d)& (e): The price of sugar depends upon a number of factors like cost of raw material mainly sugarcane, conversion cost, domestic demand and supply situation, market sentiments, trend of international prices and production, etc. As such, it is not possible to indicate the impact of one factor alone on the rise in sugar prices during the period of impasse in Uttar Pradesh.

(f): The Central Government, during the period of 2008-09 and 2009-10, had taken a slew of measures to augment the availability of sugar and control its prices in the domestic market as indicated in Annexure-III.

Similarly, the Central Government has taken following measures to improve the availability and control the prices of sugar during the current sugar season:

(i) The unsold non-levy quota of about 2 lac tonnes from April to June quarter was allowed on 13.07.2012 for sale in the open market upto 14.08.2012;

(ii) Sugar mills have been directed to sell at least 70% of July-September quota by August, 2012 vide order dated 24.07.2012;

(iii) Additional quota of 2.66 lac tonnes has been released on 27th July, 2012 to be sold off by 31st August, 2012; and

(iv) Another additional quota of 4 lac tonnes has been released on 7th August, 2012 to be sold off by 31stAugust, 2012.

(v) In total, 213.12 lac tonnes of levy and non-levy sugar has been released for domestic consumption during 2011-12 sugar season.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1446 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21-08-2012 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Total quantum of raw sugar imported during last three years and current year

Sugar Season	Quantum of Unprocessed
(October-September)	Sugar Import
	(in Lac Tons)#
2008-09	11.98
2009-10	17.00
2010-11	4.52##
2011-12 (upto March, 2012)	0.49##

#Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS),

Kolkata.

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ANNEXURE – II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1446 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21-08-2012 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Statement showing short name and code number of the mills where the Raw sugar Imported during last three sugar seasons and current sugar season was processed

S.No	Short Name of the	S.No	Short Name of the factory/Code
	factory/Code No.		No.
1	Manoli/50201	34	Pratappur/08401
2	Buralatti/58801	35	Kunderkai/60601
3	Havalga/58501	36	Itai Maida/60901
4	Debhog/62001	37	Warana/16101
5	Rajshree/32801	38	Chakli/39801
6	Semedu/61801	39	Asurle/17001
7	Mundiyapakkam/30501	40	Ajara/38401
8	Mansurpur/03401	41	Khatauli/03301
9	Dhampur/05801	42	Deoband/03001
10	Asmoli/05803	43	Sabitgarh/57201
11	Rajpura/59101	44	Chandanpur/58001
12	Seohara/05901	45	Maliknaraynpur/58701
13	Polur/32603	46	Raninagal/58301
14	Dharani/32601	47	Thirumandkudi/30202
15	NCS/23609	48	Thiruarooran/30201
16	Hargaon/06801	49	Ambika/30601
17	Modakurichhi/59801	50	Kottur/30602
18	Sakthi/30801	51	Brijnathpur/58601
19	Sivaganga/30802	52	Simbhaoli/03701
20	Dhankanal/30803	53	Chilwaria/03702
21	Baba Bakala/36001	54	Bannari Amman/30901
22	Nellikuppam/30401	55	Bas/30902
23	Aranthangi/50501	56	Ponni/30701
24	Pugalur/25802	57	Rauzagaon/05802
25	Jawaharpur/59401	58	Nelavoy/55401
26	Kinnauni/55601	59	JB Ganj/48301
27	Bhaisana/56201	60	Chelluru/25901
28	Thanabhawan/56101	61	Chamudeshwari/28101
29	Bilai/56301	62	Walterganj/08501
30	Gangnauli/57601	63	Sameerwadi/17203
31	Maqsudpur/63301	64	Phagwara/01001
32	Barkhera/57801	65	Naraingarh/37701
33	Khamberkhera/57701	66	Pilibhit/06102

67	lqbalpur/03101	85	Nayudypeta/34401
68	Nigohi/60001(DalmiaG)	86	Sangareddy/44701
69	Ramgarh/41901	87	Pawerwadi/52401
70	Cauvery/30301	88	Toddarpur/47701
71	Yamunanagar/01801	89	Dasuya/42001
72	Libberhari/49201	90	Venkateshwara/52002
73	Baramati/60701	91	Khalbujarg/37201
74	Harinagar/21701	92	Pondar/62901
75	Kagal/16901	93	Udumbiyam/64001
76	J.K. Sugar/47501	94	Davangere/28701
77	Nangamal/56801	95	Idaikkal/64201
78	Mendrana/63401	96	Haidergarh/54501
79	Shirol/16601	97	Kalayanallur/63701
80	Tasgaon/33601	98	Mundargi/64401
81	Tikola/48601	99	Kodia/62201
82	Khaikher/59601	100	Thaini/63001
83	Samalkot/25801	101	Mawana/02902
84	Titawi/35201	102	Shermau/59701

ANNEXURE-III

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (f) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1446 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21-08-2012 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Measures taken to augment domestic availability of sugar and moderate prices during 2008-09 and 2009-10 sugar seasons:-

- Allowed import of raw sugar under Advance Authorization scheme by sugar mills at zero duty on ton-to-ton basis from 17.02.2009 upto 30.09.2009.
- Allowed import of raw sugar by sugar mills at zero duty under Open General Licence (OGL) with effect from 17.04.2009 and opened up the same to private trade from 31.07.2009 for processing by domestic

factories on job basis without any cap. This facility was in force upto 30.06.2012.

- Allowed duty free import of white / refined sugar by STC/MMTC/PEC and NAFED upto 1 million ton with effect from 17.04.2009. Further, duty free import of white / refined sugar under OGL was opened to other Central / State Government agencies and to private trade in addition to designated agencies with effect from 31.07.2009. The cap on import was removed from 27.11.2009. This facility was available till 30.06.2012.
- Levy obligation was removed in respect of all imported raw sugar and white / refined sugar. White / refined sugar was also allowed to be sold at the discretion of the importing organization, while sugar processed from imported raw sugar was subjected to accelerated releases.
- The levy obligation on sugar factories was enhanced from 10% to 20% of production for 2009-10 sugar season.
- Stockholding and turnover limits on sugar dealers were imposed vide notification dated 12.03.2009. Further, khandsari sugar was brought under the ambit of stockholding and turnover limit from 16.07.2009. The period of stockholding and turnover limits was further extended from time to time, before it was allowed to lapse on 13.08.2011 on bulk consumers and w.e.f. 01.12.2011 on recognized dealers of sugar and khandsari.