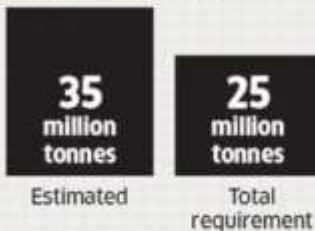


As retail sugar prices inch close to ₹50/kg, Union Food Minister Ram Vilas Paswan said states have been empowered to take action against hoarding by imposing stock limits on traders.



Sugar supply in 2015-16 season



**2 million
tonnes**

Estimated exports
of sugar this season

1.3 million tonnes

Exports by sugar
mills so far

25.6 million tonnes

Estimated production
of sugar this season

28.3 m tonnes

Production of sugar
last season

REASONS FOR PRICE RISE

**Suspected hoarding
and blackmarketing**

**Forecast of lower
production**