

EXPORT OF SUGAR

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

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

(a) whether sugar was exported at lower price and imported at a higher price during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the demand, supply, export and import along with the export and import price of sugar during the said period, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to export sugar during the ensuing year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with its likely impact on the availability and price of sugar in the domestic market?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Central Government has not exported or imported sugar on its own account during the last three sugar seasons and the current season. However, sugar mills/merchant importers/exporters have imported/exported sugar as per their commercial prudence. The

international prices of sugar varied from time to time and the prices at which such sugar was exported and imported is not maintained. The season-wise production/supply, demand/consumption of sugar, quantity of sugar exported and imported during last three sugar seasons and the current season is as under:

| Sugar Season (Oct-Sept) | Production/ Supply | Demand/ Consumption | (In lac tons) | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | Quantity Exported | Quantity Imported |
| 2009-10 | 188 | 220 | 2.37 | 41.80 |
| 2010-11 | 244 | 210 | 28.14 | 3.65 |
| 2011-12 | 261 | 223 | 36.76 | 1.87 |
| 2012-13 (Estimated) | 230 | 230 | N.A | N.A |

Source: Directorate General of commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata and Department of Revenue.

(c): The Government has not taken any decision to allow export of sugar under Open General License (OGL) during current sugar season 2012-13 so far. It is too early to indicate possibility of export of sugar during the ensuing sugar season 2013-14.

(d): Does not arise.