

IMPORT DUTY ON RAW 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 industry has been requesting the Government to increase the import duty on raw sugar from 10% to 25% for safeguarding the domestic markets from price distortion;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government for safeguarding indigenous sugar industry and maintaining the status quo with international markets?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): In view of the prevailing low international prices of sugar, certain sections of sugar industry have requested the Government to increase the import duty on raw/white/refined sugar to 25%. At present, 10% duty has been imposed on raw/white/refined sugar with effect from 13.07.2012.

(c): The Government is keeping a close watch on the situation and appropriate decisions would be taken at the appropriate time keeping in view the interests of all stakeholders.

