

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2375
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th March, 2021**

PRODUCTION OF SUGAR

2375. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the country has produced 310 lakh tonnes of sugar as against the annual domestic consumption of demand of 260 lakh tones;
- (b) whether it is also true that the Government is trying many ways to dispose/utilise the surplus sugar stock; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)**

(a): The sugar production in the country during current sugar season 2020-21 is estimated to be at 310 lakh MT as against the estimated domestic consumption of 260 lakh MT. As on 28.02.2021, 222 lakh MT of sugar has been produced by the domestic sugar mills.

(b) & (c): In order to evacuate the surplus stock of sugar, the Government has allocated mill-wise export quota of 60 lakh MT for export during current sugar season. Besides, the Government is encouraging sugar mills to produce ethanol from sugarcane juice, sugar, sugar syrup and B-Hy molasses to divert excess sugar.

Government has also fixed remunerative price of ethanol from various feedstock to encourage sugar mills to divert excess sugar.
