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

(a) whether Government has taken penal action against 53 sugar mills for not furnishing online details about sugar production, dispatches and stock position for 2011-12 season to the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether furnishing the details online would help this sector for better management; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Under the relevant provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, the Central Government vide circular letter dated 16th April, 2012 directed all the sugar mills to furnish online details about sugar production, dispatches and stocks etc. in the prescribed format Proforma-II from the sugar season 2011-12 onwards. However, 52 sugar mills did not furnish the requisite information online upto August, 2012. Therefore, the District Magistrates concerned were requested to initiate penal action against these 52 sugar mills under relevant provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The details are at Annexure-I. Out of these 52 sugar mills, 23 sugar mills have subsequently furnished the requisite information and the concerned authorities have been requested for withholding the penal action against them. The details are at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The computerised web-based data collection system provides comprehensive data base on sugar production, dispatches and available stock of levy and non levy sugar from the sugar mills which helps Government in taking informed policy decisions for better management of sugar sector.
