

## Shortage of Sugar

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 193  
ANSWERED ON 11.03.2013**

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SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA

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

- (a) whether there has been shortage of sugar in the country recently, resulting in rise in sugar prices in the domestic market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of production, demand and prices of sugar during the last year;
- (d) whether there has been any import of sugar during that period;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken by Government to ensure availability of sugar at affordable prices?

## ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 193 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 11.3.2013 IN THE RAJYA SABHA

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The availability of sugar has been adequate all over the country to meet the domestic demand and there has been no steep rise in sugar prices in the recent months.

(c): During the last sugar season 2011-12 (October-September), the production of sugar has been provisionally estimated at about 263.43 lac tons against the demand of 227 lac tons. All India average monthly retail prices of sugar were in the range of Rs.32.08 to 39.41 per kg.

(d) & (e): As per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), Kolkata about 1.886 lac tons of sugar has been imported during 2011-12 sugar season. Major share of about 1.873 lac tons was imported from Brazil.

(f): The Central Government has made adequate releases of non-levy sugar to keep the domestic prices at reasonable level.

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