

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 1001
ANSWERED ON 13.12.2013

Shortfall in production of sugar

1001 SHRI N. BALAGANGA

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

- (a) the average production of sugar in the country State-wise, during the last three years;
- (b) whether there has been any shortfall in the production of sugar, leading to rise in the price during the same period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government resorted to importing of sugar to meet the shortfall if any;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken by Government to reduce dependence on import of sugar and to increase the domestic production?

ANSWER

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

(a): The State-wise details of average sugar production in the country during last three sugar seasons (October-September) i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13 are given at Annexure.

(b): No, Sir. The production of sugar has been more than the domestic consumption/requirement during the last three sugar seasons. As such, the prices of sugar remained stable in the domestic market.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): No, Sir. As indicated in Part (b) & (c), the production of sugar has been more than the domestic requirements from the sugar season 2010-11 onwards. The Government does not import sugar on its account. However, the sugar mills/ merchant importers/exporters are free to import sugar as per their commercial prudence subject to payment of import duty which is currently at 15%.

(f): For increasing the sugarcane and sugar production in the country, the Government has taken the following steps:-

(i) The Fair and remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane payable to the sugarcane farmers for the ensuing sugar season 2013-14, has been fixed at Rs. 210/- per quintal linked to a basic recovery rate of 9.5 % subject to a premium of Rs. 2.21/- per quintal for every 0.1percentage point increase in recovery above that level which is higher by Rs.40/- per quintal as compared to last season.

(ii) Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System Area (SUBACS) under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), the State Governments have been given flexibility to choose their priorities for formulation of the crop development projects including sugarcane. All the above programs are focused on planting material, transfer of technology, improving productivity, knowledge up-gradation and mechanization etc.

(iii) The concessional loans to sugar mills from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) is provided for sugarcane development including better irrigation facilities, improved seed variety, ratoon management etc.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1001 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 13th DECEMBER, 2013 IN THE RAJYA SABHA

Statement showing State-wise average sugar production in the country during the last three sugar Seasons i.e 2010-11,2011-12 & 2012-13

(Figures in Lac Tons)
(provisional)

Sl No.	State	sugar season			Average sugar production during last three Sugar seasons i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13
		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	
1.	PUNJAB	3.03	3.88	4.38	3.76
2.	HARYANA	3.93	4.91	5.1	4.65
3.	UTTARAKHAND	3.05	3.31	3.4	3.25
4.	UTTAR PRADESH	57.58	69.58	75.01	67.39
5.	GUJARAT	12.7	10.02	11.3	11.34
6.	MAHARASHTRA	90.65	89.96	79.87	86.83
7.	BIHAR	3.87	4.51	5.1	4.49
8.	ANDHRA PRADESH	10.05	11.35	9.84	10.41
9.	KARNATAKA	36.44	38.66	34.43	36.51
10.	TAMIL NADU	18.42	23.79	19.32	20.51
11.	Others	3.77	3.46	4.08	3.78
TOTAL		243.49	263.43	251.83*	252.92