

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 07.03.2011
ANSWERED ON
PRODUCTION OF SUGAR .

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that production of sugar in the country is expected to be higher than its demand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in view of this, Government has decided to do away with the system of zero import duty on import of sugar;
- (d) whether the year 2008-09 had witnessed an extremely low sugar production; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.158 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 07.03.2011 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

(a) & (b) Provisionally estimated domestic production and demand of sugar during the current sugar season (2010-11) are about 245 lac tons and 220-225 lac tons, respectively.

(c) There is no import duty levied on import of raw and white/refined sugar upto 31.03.2011.

(d) & (e) The production of sugar in the sugar season 2008-09 was about 147 lac tons, which is quite low when compared with figures of other years.