

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

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

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- (a) whether Government proposes to export sugar to help sugar companies benefit from high global prices of sugar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what would be the implications of this move on the domestic prices of sugar; and
- (d) how this move would benefit the sugarcane growing farmers?

**ANSWER**

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

(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The Government does not export sugar on its own account and no such proposal is under consideration of the Government. However, the Government has presently allowed Advance Authorization holders who imported raw sugar during the period 21.09.2004 to 15.04.2008 and 17.02.2009 to 30.09.2009 on 'ton-to-ton' basis to export sugar so as to fulfill their balance export obligation. As regards export of sugar under Open General License(OGL), the Government is yet to take a final decision.

(c) & (d): The prices of sugar in the domestic market depend upon a number of factors viz., production, carried over stocks, demand, export, import, market sentiments, etc. However, export of sugar in small quantities may not have significant implication on domestic prices of sugar and sugarcane.