

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 851**  
ANSWERED ON 09/02/2024

**EXPORT AND BUFFER SUBSIDY TO SUGAR MILLS**

851. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE & INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount paid to the Sugar Mills in the last five financial years including the current year against Export & Buffer subsidy to boost export of surplus sugar, transportation and handling;
- (b) whether the export of sugar from the country has witnessed an increasing or decreasing trend in the last five years;
- (c) if so, the annual export figures for last five years; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for decline in sugar exports and the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) The Central Government, with a view to improve liquidity of the sugar mills enabling them to clear cane price dues of farmers has announced the following schemes in the last five years, including the current year: -

1. Creation & Maintenance of Buffer stock of 30 Lakh Metric Tonne (LMT) of Sugar w.e.f. 01-07-2018 to 30-06-2019.
2. Scheme for defraying expenditure towards internal transport, freight, handling and other charges on export of Sugar Season 2018-19.
3. Assistance to Sugar Mills season 2019-20 to facilitate export of sugar.
4. Scheme for providing assistance to sugar mills for expenses on marketing costs including handling, upgrading and other processing costs and cost internal transport and freight charges for Sugar Season 2020-21, 2019-20 & 2018-19.

Under these schemes a sum of about Rs.15,948 crore has been released to various sugar mills of the country in last five Financial Years including current Financial Year till 31-01-2024.

(b) to (d) The export of sugar depends upon several factors such as domestic production, consumption exportable surplus, international and domestic prices, prevailing EXIM policy etc. The export of sugar (raw, refined & white sugar) has been placed under “restricted” category till

31.10.2022 vide DGFT's Notification No. 10/2015-20 dated 24.05.2022. The restriction has been extended till 31.10.2023 vide DGFT's Notification No. 40/2015-20 dated 28.10.2022 and further extended beyond 31.10.2023 vide DGFT's Notification No. 36/2023 dated 18.10.2023. The details of export of sugar during last five years are as under: -

| <b>Sugar Season<br/>(October – September)</b> | <b>Quantity of Sugar Exported<br/>(Rs in LMT)</b> |
|---|---|
| 2018-2019                                     | 38.0  |
| 2019-2020                                     | 59.6  |
| 2020-2021                                     | 70.0  |
| 2021-2022                                     | 110.0   |
| 2022-2023                                     | 63.0  |
| 2023-2024                                     | NIL   |

(Source:DoFPD)

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