

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1314
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH MARCH, 2025

FALL IN SUGAR PRODUCTION IN THE COUNTRY

1314 **SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:**

Will the Minister of *Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that sugar production in the country has fallen in the last marketing year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the fall in sugar production has the potential to drive the prices of sugar and sugar-based commodities in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) & (b): During the last sugar season 2023-24 (Oct – Sept), the total sugar production excluding the quantity of sugar diverted for production of ethanol was about 320 LMT as compared to 330 LMT during 2022-23 Sugar Season. The fall in the sugar production was marginal and the production was sufficient to cater the domestic requirement of the country.

(c) & (d): As a result of pragmatic government policy interventions, the price of sugar remained stable and in reasonable range without any significant fluctuation. As the sugar production is sufficient for domestic requirement, sugar price is expected to remain at reasonable level.
