

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5239
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2018

PRODUCTION, PRICE AND CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR

5239. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether domestic sugar production is likely to exceed consumption in the current crushing season;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has also noted that sugar prices have shown decreasing trend world-wise;
- (c) if so, whether the higher sugar production and plummeting wholesale sugar prices has adversely affected sugar industry in the country;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to extend incentive to sugar mills to export the excess sugar;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to lift the pitiable condition of sugar mills in the country?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

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- (a): During current sugar season 2017-18, sugar production is estimated to be more than 272 Lakh MT as against the estimated consumption requirement of 250 Lakh MT.
- (b): Yes Madam.

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(c): In anticipation of surplus sugar production during current sugar season 2017-18, sugar prices in the domestic market have shown a declining trend affecting the realization on sale of sugar.

(d) & (e): In order to promote export of excess sugar from the country, the Government has recently removed customs duty on export of sugar.

(f): With a view to arrest the downward trend in sugar prices and thereby improve the liquidity position of sugar mills enabling them to clear cane dues of the farmers, the Government has recently taken the following measures:

- (i) Increased import duty on sugar from 50% to 100%.
- (ii) Imposed stock holding limit on sugar mills for two months.
- (iii) Removed customs duty on export of sugar.
