

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3327  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018

CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR

3327. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

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

- (a) the estimated production and domestic consumption of sugar in the country during 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively;
- (b) whether the domestic production of sugar is sufficient to meet the consumption, if so, the reasons for import of sugar especially from Pakistan;
- (c) whether there has been a protest from the cane farmers' unions against the import of sugar; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

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(a): Presently, estimates of sugar production and domestic consumption for the sugar seasons 2018-19 and 2019-20 are not available with the Central Government.

(b): Domestic production of sugar during current sugar season 2017-18 is estimated to be about 322 Lakh MT as against the estimated domestic consumption of 250 Lakh MT. The Central Government does not import/export sugar on its own. The Government has already increased import duty from 50% to 100% to discourage any import under Open General License (OGL). However, Import of sugar from Pakistan by merchant importers has been very miniscule as compared to total production in the country.

(c) & (d): As reported by the State Govt. of Maharashtra there has been protest from cane farmers' union against import of sugar from Pakistan.

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