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

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 114 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18 DECEMBER, 2018

EXPORT OF SUGAR

*114. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government had decided to export the surplus sugar as a result of excess production of sugar *vis-a-vis* its consumption in the country during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard along with the quantum of sugar decided to be exported in the first phase;
- (c) whether the export is possible as per the said decision;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the percentage of export made till October, 2018 as per the said decision?

A N S W E R MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 114 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 18.12.2018 IN THE LOK SABHA

- (a) & (b): Excess sugar production in the previous sugar season 2017-18 (October-September) had adversely affected market sentiments and depressed domestic sugar price leading to accumulation of cane price arrears of farmers. In order to improve the liquidity of the sugar mills to facilitate them for clearance of cane price arrears of farmers, the Central Government fixed export targets by allocating mill-wise Minimum Indicative Export Quotas (MIEQ) of 20 LMT of sugar for 2017-18 sugar season. Further, in view of large carry-over stock and estimation of excess sugar production in the current sugar season 2018-19(October-September), MIEQ of 50 LMT has been allocated for export in current sugar season.
- (c) to (e): Against MIEQ of 20 LMT allocated to sugar mills for 2017-18 sugar season, about 6.20 LMT of sugar was exported till 30th September, 2018. Similarly, against MIEQ of 50 LMT allocated for sugar season 2018-19, about 0.60 LMT have been exported in the month of October, 2018.
