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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2251 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2025

SUGAR PRODUCTION

†2251. SHRI RAMPRIT MANDAL: SMT. LOVELY ANAND:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of sugar production in the country during the last year;
- (b) the total estimated sugar production in the country during the current season;
- (c) whether the old sugar stock is lying with the sugar mills and the Government assistance is required for the said sugar mills;
- (d) whether the Government is likely to allow sugar export this year;
- (e) if so, whether the sugar prices are likely to increase in the domestic market due to export; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

- (a): 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.
- (b): Total estimated sugar production in the country in the current 2024-25 sugar season is about 270 LMT excluding the quantity of sugar diverted for production of ethanol.
- (c): Normally, after each sugar season old stocks remains with the sugar mills to cater the domestic requirement in the initial months of ensuing sugar season. In order to maintain sufficient availability of sugar in domestic market at a reasonable price, Government is issuing monthly stock holding limit, against which all the sugar mills are required to sell their allotted quantity.

- (d): Government has allowed export of 10 LMT during current Sugar Season 2024-25 (Oct Sept) vide order dated 20.1.2025.
- (e) & (f): 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.
