

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF SUGAR

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

- (a) whether India is self-reliant in sugar production; (
- (b) if so, details of demand and supply of sugar during the last three years; (
- (c) whether the installed capacity of sugar in the country is more than the requirement;
- (d) whether there is adequate coordination between the sugarcane producers and sugar factories; and
- (e) if not, the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREEI PRASAD)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The details of demand and supply (carry over stock, production and internal consumption) of sugar during the last 3 sugar seasons (October-September) are as follows:-

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Particulars

Sugar Season 1996-97
Sugar Season 1997-98
Sugar Season 1998-99 (Provisional)

1. Carry over stocks
79.07
66.01
53.70

2. Production
129.05
128.44
155.20

3. Total availability
208.12
194.45
208.90

4. Internal Consumption
136.75
139.78
141.45

(c) : The installed capacity of sugar industry is about 154 lakh tonnes as on 31.1.2000 and meets the consumption requirements of the country. Due to enlarged duration of sugar season in some States, the sugar production in the country is higher than the installed capacity of the industry. There are a number of new and expansion projects still under implementation. With the implementation of these projects, the installed capacity of the industry is likely to go up further.

(d) & (e) : Each sugar factory is ear-marked a specific cane area by the respective State Governments from where they can source their raw material i.e. sugarcane. Sugar factories are having either direct contract with the sugarcane growers of their areas or through the cane cooperative societies wherever existing. Coordination of sugarcane production by the farmers in their areas of operation is one of the key functions of the sugar mill management.