

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PRODUCTION OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is the largest producer and consumer of sugar in the world as on date;
- (b) if so, the total production of sugar in the country during the last year; and
- (c) the quantity of sugar exported during the current financial year so far and the names of the countries to which it has been exported alongwith the country-wise rates?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

- (a): During the current sugar season 2002-2003, as per the estimates made by International Sugar Organisation, India is the second largest producer of sugar in the world. However, India is the largest consumer of sugar in the world.
- (b): The total production of sugar in the country during the last sugar season 2001-2002 (Oct-Sept) was 185.25 lakh tonnes (provisional).
- (c): According to trade circles, during the current financial year 2003-2004 (Upto June 2003), a quantity of about 4.79 lakh tonnes has been exported mainly to Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Dubai, Egypt, Eritheria, Georgia, Indonesia, Iraq, Srilanka, Massawa and Yemen. Since the export of sugar is allowed under O.G.L. (Open General Licence), under the present EXIM policy, the details about the rate at which sugar is being exported by the private exporters/sugar mills, is not maintained by the Government.