

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 830
ANSWERED ON 10.12.2013
SUGAR INVENTORY

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Will the
Minister of

**CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD
AND PUBLIC
DISTRIBUTION**

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the inventory of sugar stocks held by sugar mills is likely to increase during the current sugar season on account of the opening stocks and likely surplus production during the current season and if so, the details thereof indicating the opening stocks, estimated production, consumption and estimated surplus stock at the end of the season;
- (b) whether the increase of stocks would block cash flow to the industry adversely affecting its viability and holding up cane price arrears;
- (c) if so, whether the industry has sought increase in import duty on sugar and other assistance to tide over this crisis;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V.
THOMAS)**

- (a) The inventory of sugar stocks held by the sugar mills depend upon

the carry over stock, estimated production, domestic consumption and likely exports during the sugar season. The details of opening stocks, estimated production, consumption and closing stocks at the end of the current sugar season 2013-14 are given below:-

(Provisional)

Particulars	Quantity (in lac Tons)
Opening Stocks	91.09
Estimated Sugar Production	241.31
Estimated Domestic Consumption	235
Estimated Exports	10.00
Estimated Closing Stock	87.40

(b), (c) & (d) The industry has sought assistance including increase in import duty to overcome the present situation. The Government has formed an Informal Group of Union Ministers under the Chairmanship of Minister of Agriculture to look into the problems being faced by the sugar industry.