

over stock of the last season and estimated production of 250 Lac Tons during the current season, the total availability of sugar would be about 340 Lac Tons which is sufficient to fulfill the estimated domestic demand of about 256 Lac Tons for the current sugar season. In order to conserve the sugar stocks in the country and discourage sugar export, the Government has recently imposed 20% basic customs duty on export of sugar.

#### **Rise in price of tomatoes**

611. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether price of tomatoes has risen sharply in the past months; and
- (b) if so, the prices of the same from 1 July, 2015 to 1 July, 2016?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) The detailed trend in prices of tomato from 1st July, 2015 to 1st July, 2016 are given below:

#### *All India average retail prices of tomatoes (Rs/kg)*

Price As On	Retail Price (₹/Kg)
1.7.2015	27.62
3.08.2015	28.03
1.9.2015	25.11
1.10.2015	26.47
1.11.2015	24.88
1.12.2015	38.09
1.1.2016	28.74
1.2.2016	22.7
1.3.2016	17.48
1.4.2016	17.57
1.5.2016	21.78
1.6.2016	30.11
1.7.2016	42.14