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No cap likely on sugar export orders

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Sugar exports may be allowed without any restriction on the quantity once an exporter has registered with the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

According to official sources, the issue of quantitative restriction was sorted out at the beginning by the Prime Minister's Office, when the decision was taken to free sugar exports. However, sugar being an essential commodity, covered under the Essential Commodities Act (ECA), a watch needs to be kept on the overall quantity of export. "Whether to have a release order or the need for an exporter to take prior permission of the sugar department or ministry of food is keeping the issue unresolved till date," said a source.