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**MAKE SURE IMPORTED SUGAR IS AVAILABLE IN OPEN MARKETS ON
CONCESSIONAL RATES BEFORE RAMADAN.....BIJARANI WRITES TO
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS.**

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Federal Minister for Industries and Production Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani has asked the provincial governments to make sure that imported sugar is available in open markets well before Ramazan on concessional rates. The Minister, in his letter written to all the Chief Ministers on August 04, has said that the Federal Government is off loading one hundred tons of imported sugar in the open market before Ramazan. The provincial shares as determined on the basis of the immediate requirements with mutual consensus stand as Punjab-50,000 tons, Sindh-17,000 tons, KPK-20,000 tons and Baluchistan-8,000 tons, whereas AJK/ Gilgit Baltistan-5,000 tons. The approved dealers of the provincial Governments would get these stocks from TCP on “pay as you lift” basis. Kindly ensure that these stocks being provided on concessional rates i.e. at the imported cost price reach the general public in a transparent and swift manner.

Moreover the Utility Stores Corporation (USC) of Pakistan will be supplying 80,000 tones of sugar through its stores during the month of Ramazan. They have been asked to regularly inform the D.C.Os about the supplies and sale position in the respective districts. Provincial Governments are requested to monitor the operation of the USC for the whole range of commodities under the Ramazan Package including sugar to ensure that only the deserving persons benefit from it.

He has reiterated that there are sufficient stocks of sugar in the country for the next three months and for November, the last month before the next crushing season. The TCP has also finalized its import orders for remaining 350,000 tons of sugar. The Federal government is fully alive to the situation and to the aspirations of the common man and is making every endeavour to cater to their basic needs. I look forward to an active participation by the provincial governments in this exercise, the Minister added.

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