

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3853
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH JULY, 2019

AFFORDABLE PRICE OF SUGAR

†3853. SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide sugar at affordable price on the lines of the Public Distribution System (PDS) for foodgrains;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any step in this direction; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)

(a) & (b): Under the sugar subsidy scheme, introduced w.e.f. June 2013, after de-regulation of sugar sector, sugar is already being made available through Public Distribution System (PDS) at affordable price. The coverage of sugar subsidy scheme targeted Below Poverty Line (BPL) population [inclusive of poorest of poor person in the country i.e. Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families] and all the population of North Eastern States/Special Category States/Hilly States and Island Territories. However, with effect from June, 2017, the Government has reviewed the Sugar Subsidy Scheme and restricted the coverage of the scheme to AAY families.

(c): The Central Government is reimbursing a fixed subsidy of Rs. 18.50 per kg @ 1 kg of sugar per month per AAY families to participating States/UTs.