



**MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1596

ANSWERED ON 21.08.2012

UNDERWEIGHING OF SUGARCANE

1596 .

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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding underweighing of sugarcane by the sugar mills at the time of procurement of sugarcane from the farmers;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up independent weighing centres to prevent exploitation of the farmers; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): The Central Government has not received any complaint regarding under-weighing by sugar mills during procurement of sugarcane from the farmers in the current sugar season 2011-12. However, the Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have reported that there have been cases of such nature and after investigation, action is taken as per law.

(c) and (d): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present. Weighing of commodities including sugarcane is governed by the statutory provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.