

Decontrolling sugar

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

- (a) whether Government is considering a proposal to decontrol the sugar industry;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether consumers would not be badly affected from its far-reaching effects;
- (c) the rate at which Government procures sugar for ration shops, at present;
- (d) whether the problems caused to consumers, due to decontrolling of open market prices of sugar, have been identified; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)_____

(a)&(b) and (d) & (e): The Central Government is considering the recommendations of Dr. C. Rangarajan committee which was constituted to comprehensively look into all the issues related to deregulation of the sugar sector. The Government shall keep in view the interests of all stakeholders including consumers while taking decision on its recommendations.

(c): The sugar mills are obliged to supply 10% of their production for distribution in the Public Distribution System (PDS) at ex-factory levy price, fixed on zonal basis under provisions of Essential Commodities Act, 1955. For the sugar season 2011-12, the ex-factory levy sugar price on zonal basis ranges from Rs. 1802.24 to Rs. 2117.51 per quintal.