

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4131
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2001
SUBSIDY FOR PROVIDING SUGAR UNDER PDS
RAMSHETH THAKUR

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

- (a) whether various State Governments have demanded subsidy from the Union Government for providing sugar through PDS;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(V.SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): No, Sir. The Central Government is already providing subsidy to the State Governments or their nominees for distribution of sugar in the Public Distribution System (PDS) if the delivered cost of PDS sugar exceeds the retail issue price.

(b)&(c): Does not arise.