

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6848
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SUGAR STOCK PILED UP IN A.P.
M. JAGANNATH

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware that sugar factories in Andhra Pradesh are holding huge stock of sugar with them in their factories;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has made a request for the issue of release orders for the entire available quantity of sugar piled up in the factories; and
- (d) if so, the present status of the request made by the Government of Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): As on 31st March, 2003, the stock of sugar with the mills of Andhra Pradesh was 11.47 lakh tonnes (Provisional) as against 11.35 lakh tonnes on the corresponding date of last year. Thus, the stock of sugar with the mills was more or less same as last year.
- (c)&(d): The requests have been received from the State Government for release of entire stock of 5 public sector and 6 cooperative sector sugar mills as they had been privatized. Accordingly, the entire stock available with these mills is being released in six equal monthly instalments.