

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3944
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2003
SUGAR STOCK
BALIRAM

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware that huge stock of sugar is lying with the sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Uttar Pradesh State Government has requested the Union Government to release the entire stock of sugar lying with the sugar mills in the State; and
- (d) if so, the action taken on the request of the State Government till date?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): As on 15th July 2003, the stock of sugar with the mills of Uttar Pradesh was 28.23 Lakh Tonnes (Provisional) as against 33.26 Lakh Tonnes on the corresponding date of the last year.

(c)&(d): The release of non-levy sugar of sugar mills (including those situated in Uttar Pradesh) is made having regard inter-alia to production, stock, requirement, availability of other alternative sweetening agents like Gur, Khandsari and price trends.