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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:281 ANSWERED ON:13.08.2007 IRREGULARITIES IN RELEASE OF SUGAR Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

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

- (a) whether irregularities are being committed by sugar mills in release of fixed quota of sugar in the market;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this matter; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to enforce control over sugar mills in view of deficiency of sugar in the market?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b)& (c): The sugar factories are required to sell and despatch the specified quantity of sugar as allowed in the Monthly Release Orders of the Government. Some sugar mills have also obtained orders from the courts to sell sugar over and above the quantity allowed in the Release Orders. In order to ascertain the position, the Central Government conduct random check on sugar factories from time to time. No such report of deficiency of sugar in the market has been received by the Government from any part of the country.