

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:898

ANSWERED ON:06.12.2004

SUGAR THROUGH PDS

Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar;Narhire Smt. Kalpana Ramesh

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

- (a) whether there was a sugar surplus in the country during 2003-04;
- (b) if so, whether this was due to poor off take of sugar meant for distributions to BPL families;
- (c) the steps the Government is taking to increase sale of sugar;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to distribute sugar through Public Distribution System (PDS) to APL families to increase sale of sugar;
- (e) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to increase consumption of sugar in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

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): Sugar surplus in the country is due to continuous high production of sugar from 1998-99 to 2002-2003.
- (c): The sale of sugar has been increasing from year to year.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): No, Sir.
- (f): Does not arise.