

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:148
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SULPHUR CONTENT IN SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tests by the National Sugar Institute have confirmed presence of sulphur content in Indian sugar in far excess of the approved limits that is harmful for the health;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for excess use of harmful chemicals in sugar production; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The National Sugar Institute, Kanpur has informed that upon analysis of number of samples of the plantation white sugar, the institute has observed that the SO₂ (Sulphur Dioxide) content in sugar remains well below the maximum permissible limit .

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