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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2216 ANSWERED ON:21.07.2009 DECONTROL OF SUGAR SECTOR Reddy Shri Magunta Srinivasulu

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

(a) whether the subsidy bill on sugar sector has risen abnormally;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any measures including the complete decontrol of sugar sector to rein in the subsidy bill;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which the prices of sugar in the open market are likely to be affected as a result thereof?

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)&(b): The amount of subsidy given to the food Corporation of India (FCI) to recoup the losses of FCI/States/UT Administrations' agencies in distribution of levy sugar in the country is as given below:-

(Rs. In crore) Sl.No. Year Amount of subsidy

1. 2006-07 182.48 2. 2007-08 67 3. 2008-09 82.13

It may be seen from the above that there is no abnormal increase in Subsidy bill.

(c),(d)&(e): Do not arise.