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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5304 ANSWERED ON:06.09.2011 INCREASING SUGAR STOCK LIMIT Reddy Shri Anantha Venkatarami

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

- (a) whether the Government has increased sugar stock holding limit to encourage procurement from sugar mills;
- (b) whether the Government has also extended the order which authorises States to impose stock limit on sugar;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the manner in which the said steps would help to control sugar prices?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (d): The Central Government has enhanced the stock holding limit of 2000 quintals of vacuum pan sugar to 5000 quintals with effect from 1.4.2011 and extended the stock holding limit upto 30.09.2011 vide Notification dated 30 March 2011. These measures are expected to prevent hoarding/ excess stocking due to which prices of sugar will remain stable in the domestic market.