

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has released 1.7 million tonnes of sugar for open market sale during August, 2011;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the wholesale prices of sugar have declined as a result of the said release;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the extent of decline recorded therein;
- (e) whether the benefits of this decline have failed to reach the consumers as the retail prices continue to be very high; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes Madam. The Government has released a total quantity of 1.703 million tonnes of sugar for the open market for the month of August, 2011.
- (c) to (f): The wholesale prices as well as retail prices of sugar depend on many factors including demand and supply situation, market sentiments, trend of international prices and production, etc. The trend of ex-mill prices of sugar in major sugar producing states during August,2011 remained as under:-

(Rupees per quintal)		
As on 1st August,2011	As on 16th August,2011	As on 30th August,2011
2520 - 2850	2500 - 2900	2535 - 2810

The retail prices of sugar are currently stable in the domestic market.