

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:469  
ANSWERED ON:06.09.2011  
MECHANISM FOR SUGAR RELEASE  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a regulated release mechanism has been in operation for distribution of sugar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its impact on the price of sugar in the country indicating the price of sugar in the domestic market during the last one year, month-wise;
- (c) whether similar regulatory mechanism is operational in any other industry in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the rationale behind continuation of this mechanism in sugar industry?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 469 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 06.09.2011 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) : Yes Madam.

(b): Under the regulated release mechanism, there is judicious release of sugar every month in the country for the domestic market. The purpose is to ensure availability of sugar at reasonable prices, throughout the year, keeping in mind the domestic demand and supply situation, international scenario, market sentiments, etc. A statement indicating the retail prices of sugar in the country during the last one year i.e. from September, 2010 to August, 2011 (upto 30th August, 2011) is given at Annexure.

(c), (d) & (e): Sugar is an essential commodity of mass consumption. The manufacturing of sugar is carried out for five to six months in a year whereas it is consumed throughout the year. Through the regulated release mechanism, the Government endeavours to safeguard the interest of sugarcane growers, sugar producers and the general public. Hence the special regulatory mechanism, which is operational in the sugar industry, is being continued.