

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:886

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BUFFER STOCK OF SUGAR

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create a buffer stock of sugar in order to solve the problems of sugar industry and help it remain competitive in the international market;
- (b) if so, whether the said buffer is proposed to be preserved with the sugar mills only;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a rational policy for sugar taking into consideration the interests of sugar industry and sugarcane farmers to mitigate the hardships faced by them in selling their produce; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam. There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

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

(d) & (e): Policy framework is already in place which takes into account the interest of all stakeholders in the sugar sector. Appropriate policy interventions, as and when required, are made by the Central Government.