

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4118
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SUGAR FROM COCONUT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sugar is produced from coconut also;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken/ proposes to take any initiatives to encourage production of sugar from coconut; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Sugar can also be produced from coconut. However, there is no commercial coconut palm sugar production unit in the country at present.
- (c): At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to encourage production of sugar from coconut.
- (d): Does not arise.