

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2989
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DECONTROL OF SUGAR SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to decontrol the sugar sector to effect a cut in the subsidies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government proposes to provide sugar at reasonable rates to vulnerable sections especially in view of the spiraling prices of sugar in the open market?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a): At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to decontrol order.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): The Central Government has raised the levy obligation on sugar factories from 10% to 20% for 2009-10 sugar season to ensure adequate supply of levy sugar in the Public Distribution System.