

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5684  
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2013  
DECONTROL OF PRICES  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether the Government has decided to decontrol the prices of essential commodities, food items and sugar after decontrolling the prices of petrol and diesel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to withdraw the said decision in view of the widespread opposition to it; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The essential commodities like rice, wheat, pulses, sugar and edible oils are sold in the open market as per market determined prices. Government has also inter-alia decided to do away with the levy obligation on sugar mills and dispense with the regulated release mechanism on open market sale of sugar.

(c)& (d): Does not arise.