

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:418
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PROMOTION OF SUGAR INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to promote the sugar industry in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Central Government with a view to increase competitiveness, improve efficiency and to promote its development on sustainable basis has recently decontrolled the sugar sector partially. The levy obligation on sugar mills in respect of sugar produced from 1st October, 2012 has been removed and the regulated release mechanism on open market sale of sugar has also been done away with. Further, the Central Government provides concessional loans to sugar factories from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) for modernization of plant and machinery, expansion of crushing capacity, utilization of by-products etc.