

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1712  
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SUGAR INDUSTRY  
Kumar Shri Shailesh (Bulo Mandal)

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

- (a) whether a high level meeting was recently called by the Government for resolving the problems related to the sugar industry;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) whether there is also a proposal for increasing sugar prices to give relief to the sugar industry and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a) & (b) An Informal Group of Ministers met on 23.6.2014 and deliberated upon the prevailing situation regarding cane price arrears and issues relating to Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme, Production and Export of Raw Sugar, Import Duty on Sugar and Excise Duty Loan to sugar mills. The Central Government takes appropriate decisions at appropriate time to protect the interest of all stakeholders viz. sugarcane farmers, sugar industry and consumers.

(c) The price of sugar in the domestic market depends upon a number of factors viz. cost of raw material, conversion cost, production, domestic demand and supply situation, market sentiments, international sugar prices, etc. The prices of sugar are currently stable in the domestic market.