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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2087 ANSWERED ON:10.03.2015 DISTRIBUTION OF SUGAR Mondal Shri Sunil Kumar

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to enhance the quantity of sugar distributed to Below Poverty Line families and other beneficiaries and to reduce its prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether domestic production of sugar is sufficient to meet the domestic demand of our country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated production and demand of sugar during the current season and if not, the steps taken to meet the shortfall?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

- (a): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.
- (b): Does, not arise.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Madam. Sugar production in the country during the current sugar season 2014-15 is estimated to be around 265 lakh MT against the estimated domestic consumption of about 248 lakh MT. Hence, no shortfall in production of sugar against its domestic demand is expected.