

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2720  
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MECHANISM FOR RELEASE OF SUGAR  
Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

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

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to do away with the release mechanism for sugar;
- (b) If so, whether the Government has assessed the likely impact of this proposal on sugar prices due to hoarding; and
- (c) If so, the steps proposed by the Government to protect the interests of the consumers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a),(b)&(c) : Government has not so far taken a decision to do away with the release mechanism for freesale sugar. All aspects including availability of sugar at reasonable prices to the consumers shall be considered while taking decision at appropriate time on release mechanism for freesale sugar.