

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:13  
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DECLINE IN SUGAR PRICE  
Pingle Shri Devidas Anandrao

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

- (a) whether there has been steep decline in the prices of sugar during the last four months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the sugar mills which were already in a bad shape have been incurring huge losses due to steep decline in the sugar prices;
- (d) whether the Government is considering any proposal to provide a special package to the affected sugar mills as a relief measure; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**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): Yes, Sir. The ex-mill prices which were in the range of Rs. 1520-1830 per quintal in the month of October, 2006 have declined to Rs. 1230-1480 per quintal in the month of February, 2007. The sugar prices have declined mainly due to estimated high sugar production in the current sugar season.
- (c): The losses to sugar mills can, inter alia, be due to decline in sugar prices.
- (d)&(e): At present, there is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.