

Decontrolling sugar

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

(a) whether the Panel has suggested to decontrol sugar by stopping supply of levy sugar and suggested to sell it in the open market by mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof; and

(c) the views of cane farmers and State Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a)&(b): The Committee headed by Dr. C. Rangarajan, Chairman, Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, has *inter alia* recommended removal of levy obligation on sugar mills. The Committee has further recommended that the states which want to provide sugar under PDS may henceforth procure it from the market directly according to their requirement and may also fix the issue price. The recommendations of the Committee are under consideration of the Government.

(c): Some cane farmers have supported the proposal. The views of State Governments have been invited.
