

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 27
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH AUGUST, 2013**

DECONTROL OF SUGAR SECTOR

***27. SHRI HARISH CHAUDHARY:
SHRI DHANANJAY SINGH:**

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has notified the decision to partially de-control the sugar sector;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the mechanism to be adopted for distribution of sugar at cheap rates to the poor sections along with the assistance and subsidy proposed to be provided to the States in this regard;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to adopt a differential system to provide higher subsidy to the States placed at a disadvantageous position due to logistical problems involving movement of sugar from distant sugar producing States; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(PRDF. K.V. THOMAS)**

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE
STARRED QUESTION NO. 27* DUE FOR ANSWER ON 06.08.2013 IN THE
LOK SABHA**

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Following the decision to partially decontrol the sugar sector, the Central Government has rescinded the notifications relating to levy obligation on sugar mills and regulated release mechanism on open market sale of sugar. However, to make sugar available in the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) at the existing retail issue price (RIP) of Rs.13.50 per kg, the State Governments/UT administrations have been asked to procure it from the open market through a transparent system. The Central Government would reimburse the States/UT's @ Rs.18.50 per kg, limited to the quantity based on their existing allocations.

(c): No such decision has been taken by the Government in this regard.

(d): Does not arise.
