

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND**  
**PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 665**  
**ANSWERED ON 15.07.2014**  
**POLICY ON SUGAR**

**665 . Shri K. C. VENUGOPAL**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to effect changes in the sugar policy including its export/import and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the other steps taken to control the price of sugar in the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)**

- (a) The Central Government has considered the recommendations of Dr. C. Rangarajan Committee and has de-regulated the sugar sector in April, 2013 by removing levy obligation on sugar mills and dispensing with the regulated release mechanism on open market sale of sugar. The export of sugar is presently free subject to prior registration of quantity with Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). The import is also free with a duty on import of sugar under Open General Licence which is notified by the Government from time to time. With effect from 8.7.2013, the duty on import of sugar is 15%.
- (b) The sugar prices are currently stable in the domestic market.