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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 2128

ANSWERED ON: 31.07.2018

Cess on Sugar

A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN

Will the Minister of

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is true that the Government is considering to impose cess on sugar and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the levying cess on sugar has been referred to the Ministry of Law for its opinion on the legality of such a levy; and
- (c) if so, the views received from the Ministry in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a): A proposal to impose cess on sugar has been sent by Department of Food and Public Distribution to Department of Revenue, which has referred the matter to GST Council for consideration. Based on the decisions taken in the meeting of GST Council held on 04.05.2018, a Group of Ministers has been constituted to examine feasibility of imposition of cess on sugar.
- (b): Yes, Madam. The issue of levying cess on sugar has been referred by Department of Revenue to Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice for legal opinion.
- (c): The Ministry of Law & Justice is examining the issue.
