

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1852
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH MARCH, 2020

BUFFER STOCK OF SUGAR

1852. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken a decision to create a buffer stock of sugar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the said decision would help sugar mills to manage their surplus stocks; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)

(a) & (b): The Central Government, with a view to improve liquidity of the sugar industry; enabling them to clear cane price arrears of farmers and to stabilize domestic sugar price, vide notification dated 31st July, 2019, notified the Scheme for Creation and Maintenance of Buffer Stock of 40 Lakh MT of sugar by the sugar mills in the country for one year with effect from 1st August, 2019. Government would bear the carrying cost of about Rs. 1674 crore for creation of buffer stock.

(c) & (d): Creation of buffer stocks would help to maintain demand supply balance, since sugar kept in buffer stock will not come to the market for one year, thereby stabilizing sugar prices.
