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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 318 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST DECEMBER, 2015

SUGAR UNDER PDS

318. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

- (a) the quantity of subsidised sugar allocated to the States to be distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) whether Government has any proposal to increase the allocation of sugar from the present 400 gm per month per person;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal for increasing the allocation of sugar for the upcoming festival season in Kerala, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

A N S W E R MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

- (a): The quantity of subsidised sugar allocated to the States to be distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS) is 26.59 lakh MT annually.
- (b): No Madam,
- (c): Does not arise
- (d): Yes Madam, the Government of Kerala had submitted the proposal for increasing the annual festival allocation of sugar from 3600 MT to 8300 MT for the upcoming festival season in Kerala. The request of the state government was not acceded as any increase in allocation will have financial implication on the sanctioned budget on account of increased subsidy.
