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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2536 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2^{ND} AUGUST, 2016

IRREGULARITIES IN SUGAR PROCUREMENT

2536. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

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

- (a) the details of sugar production and procurement during the last two years;
- (b) whether any complaint of irregularity in procurement of sugar in Gujarat has been received; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to check such irregularities?

ANSWER

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

- (a): The production of sugar in the country during the last two sugar seasons 2013-14 and 2014-15 (October-September) has been 245.54 Lac Tons and 284.63 Lac Tons respectively. The Central Government does not procure and maintain stock of sugar. After de-regulation of sugar sector in April, 2013, State Governments are procuring sugar from open market for distribution under Public Distribution System (PDS).
- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): Does not arise.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION DY. NO.* DUE FOR ANSWER ON 19.07.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA