

Sugar price reduction receives mixed reaction

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MIRI: The government's recent announcement of the reduction in sugar price by 10 sen per kg starting Sept 1 receives mixed reaction from the people here.

Hamran Saji, who has been in the beverage industry for more than 10 years, said the reduction was a positive move, but admitted it would not change anything much.

"I don't think the (price) reduction will affect anything much because other things such as cups, straws and

plastics will eventually increase, not to mention the soda tax that the government plans to impose.

"Thus, the price of beverage will remain the same," he said when contacted yesterday.



Hamran Saji



Noraini Abdul Rahman

Noraini Abdul Rahman, who is in the same business, said the price reduction would not affect small traders like here much.

"Prices of my food items will remain the same although the price of sugar will be 10 sen per kg less.

"It will not affect small people like us but I am sure it will benefit the big traders. However, it is a good move by the government," she said.

A working mother Eryanti Norudin, meanwhile said the 10 sen price reduction was one of the government's moves to help ease the people's burden.



"Sugar is essential in cooking, and it is used almost every day by everyone.

"I hope with the reduction the prices of food at restaurants will also go down

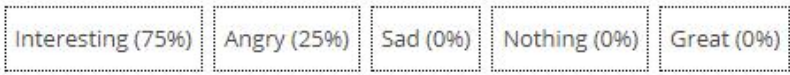
"The decrease in sugar price does not mean we can consume more sugar. It's not good for the health," she said, adding the proposed soda tax would hopefully teach people to take good care of their health.



Coarse sugar will cost RM2.85 per kg while fine sugar RM2.95 per kg come Sept 1.

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