

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 404
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 2016

PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING DUES OF SUGARCANE GROWERS

404. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

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

- (a) the steps being taken for making payment and providing fair rates of sugarcane for sugarcane crushing season 2015-16 and for the payments of outstanding dues to the sugarcane farmers and whether its outcome will prove beneficial in future in fulfilling the interests of sugarcane farmers;
- (b) the details of the quantum of outstanding sugarcane arrears of the farmers, State-wise; and
- (c) the names of products being manufactured from sugarcane in sugar mills at present, the details thereof?

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

(a): The Central Government fixes the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and after consultation from the State Governments and other stake holders. The FRP, so fixed, is the bench mark price below which no sugar mill can purchase cane from cane growers.

Clause 3(3) of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 stipulates payment of cane price within 14 days of supply of sugarcane failing which interest @ 15% per annum on amount due for the delayed period beyond 14 days is payable.

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The Central Government has taken the following steps which are likely to improve the liquidity position of sugar mills enabling them to clear outstanding dues of farmers and make timely payment of cane price dues to them :-

- (i) Notified a scheme on 2.12.2015 to extend performance based production subsidy @ Rs. 4.50 per quintal of cane crushed to sugar mills to offset the cost of cane.
- (ii) Fixed remunerative prices for supplies of ethanol to Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for blending with petrol; waived excise duty on ethanol supplies to OMCs during 2015-16 and scaled up blending targets from 5% to 10%.

(b): The details of quantum of outstanding sugarcane arrears of the farmers state-wise are annexed.

(c): Sugar mills in the country are producing white and raw sugar from sugarcane. Besides, bagasse; molasses and press cake are also generated as primary by-products in the process of sugar production.

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ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.404 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26.02.2016 IN THE RAJYA SABHA

STATEMENT SHOWING STATE-WISE DETAILS OF QUANTUM OF OUTSTANDING SUGARCANE ARREARS OF THE FARMERS

(Rs. in crores)

(As on 15.02.2016)

SL. NO.	STATE	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14 & EARLIER SEASONS	Total
	1	2	3	4	5
1	PUNJAB	465.51	0.80	0.00	466.31
2	HARYANA	451.86	10.84	0.00	462.70
3	RAJASTHAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	UTTAR PRADESH	7294.44	599.01	112.26	8005.71
5	UTTARAKHAND	363.35	34.53	24.92	422.80
6	MADHYA PRADESH	177.86	0.00	13.39	191.25
7	GUJARAT	486.32	1.11	13.41	500.84
8	MAHARASHTRA	3134.04	249.78	80.96	3464.78
9	BIHAR	0.00	29.19	40.76	69.95
10	ANDHRA PR.	331.50	38.91	0.00	370.41
11	TELANGANA	0.00	11.91	0.00	11.91
11	KARNATAKA	0.00	295.30	312.48	607.78
12	TAMIL NADU	689.61	318.13	278.49	1286.23
13	ODISHA	28.76	0.58	2.94	32.28
14	WEST BENGAL	0.00	1.82	0.00	1.82
15	PUDUCHERRY	0.00	0.00	9.09	9.09
16	GOA	1.76	0.00	0.00	1.76
17	CHHATTISGARH	44.01	0.00	0.00	44.01
	TOTAL	13469.02	1591.91	888.7	15949.63
