

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2709
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09TH DECEMBER, 2014

SUGARCANE DUES

2709. DR. NEPAL SINGH:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:
SHRI RAJU SHETTI:

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

- (a) whether some sugar mills have not cleared the sugarcane arrears despite availing the facility of interest free loans and other assistance from the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the quantum of said loans provided during each of the last three years and the current year and the sugarcane arrears paid and pending along with the action proposed to be taken against such defaulting mills, mill-wise;
- (c) whether any post audit has been conducted or is proposed to be conducted to ensure proper distribution and check diversion of funds and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has urged the States to ensure timely payment of sugarcane dues and if so, the details thereof and the response of the States thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken to find a final solution to this recurring problem?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a) & (b): In order to facilitate clearance of cane price arrears of previous sugar seasons and timely settlement of cane price of current sugar season to sugarcane farmers, the Central Government on 03.01.2014 has notified a Scheme for Extending Financial Assistance to Sugar Undertakings (SEFASU-2014) envisaging interest free loans worth Rs. 6600 crores by bank as additional working capital to sugar mills. Under the Scheme, all loans were to be sanctioned by 30.06.2014 and disbursed by 30.09.2014.

