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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.185
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2021

REVIVAL OF CLOSED SUGAR MILLS IN BIHAR

185 # SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

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

- (a) the total number of sugar mills that existed in Bihar earlier and the number of sugar mills that are functioning smoothly at present;
- (b) whether it is a fact that most of the sugar mills in Bihar have been closed now or are on the verge of closure; and
- (c) if so, whether Government is planning to start any scheme for their revival and by when?

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MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
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(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE
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SABHA.**

(a)to (c): As per the information received from the state government of Bihar, out of 28 installed sugar mills in Bihar, 10 sugar mills are in operation and 18 sugar mills are closed.

So far the responsibility of revival of closed/sick sugar mills is concerned, it depends on the ownership of the sugar mill whether it is with private sector, public sector or cooperative sector.

The Government of Bihar informed that they have taken a policy decision to revive 5 sick sugar mills out of 13 closed mills of Bihar State Sugar Corporation Ltd. (BSSCL) by transferring them to private/public sector entrepreneurs on long term lease through bid process management. Remaining 8 closed sugar mills have been transferred to Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) for establishing priority sector industries.
