

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 643**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/02/2023

**Cooperative Sugar Mills**

**643 : Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal:**

Will the Minister of **Cooperation** be pleased to state:

- (a) how many Cooperative sugar mills are registered in the country, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has established any policy to subsidise sugar producing cooperatives and if so, the details including the aims and objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the policy has been able to achieve the objectives, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the total amount released by Government for the policy during the current year and the actual amount spent thereon?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF COOPERATION

सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (d): As per information provided by Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, there are 316 co- operative sugar mills registered across the country. State-wise distribution is at **ANNEXURE-I**.

Though there is no separate subsidy scheme for cooperative mills, all sugar mills including those of cooperative sector have been provided financial assistance under buffer stock subsidy and export subsidy schemes during 2018-21. Basic objective of these schemes was to give financial assistance to sugar mills so that cane arrears of farmers may be cleared early by these mills. Further, under these schemes a sum of ₹16,776.22 Crore was disbursed to all sugar mills including co- operative sugar mills. A statement showing scheme wise disbursement may be seen at **ANNEXURE-II**.

Each sugar mill opened a separate escrow account in which the subsidy amount was credited which was released to farmers to clear their dues before balance payment was given to the sugar mill. Cane arrears of farmers, which were at its peak during 2018-19 sugar season were reduced up to the extent that 99.9% of cane arrears of farmers of Sugar season 2020-21 and earlier seasons have been cleared while 99% cane arrears of sugar season 2021-22 have been cleared by sugar mills. Therefore, the schemes achieved their objectives.

About ₹40 Cr. have been allocated to Department of Food and Public Distribution during RE 2022-23 for release to sugar mills including cooperative sugar mills.

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## ANNEXURE -I

<b>STATE WISE NUMBER OF INSTALLED COOPERATIVE SUGAR FACTORIES (AS ON 31.01.2023)</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State / Union Territory</b>	<b>No. of sugar mills</b>
1.	PUNJAB	16
2.	HARYANA	13
3.	UTTAR PRADESH	28
4.	UTTARAKHAND	4
5.	MAHARASHTRA	155
6.	ASSAM	2
7.	RAJASHTHAN	1
8.	ORISSA	4
9.	GUJARAT	24
10.	ANDHRA PRADESH	13
11.	TELANGANA	1
12.	KARNATAKA	26
13.	TAMIL NADU	16
14.	MADHAY PRADESH	5
15.	CHATTISGARH	4
16.	KERALA	1
17.	PONDICHERRY	1
18.	GOA	1
19.	DADRA & NAGAR HAWELI	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>316</b>

**ANNEXURE -II****Scheme wise funds disbursement to All Sugar Mills including Cooperative Sugar mills during FY-2018-19 to FY-2021-22**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Scheme Name</b>	<b>Amount disbursed (₹ crore)</b>
1.	Scheme for Assistance to sugar mills for 17-18	439.12
2.	Scheme for Assistance to sugar mills for 18-19	3022.14
3.	Scheme for Assistance to sugar mills for 19-20	6121.26
4.	Scheme for extending financial assistance to sugar mills for enhancement and augmentation of ethanol production capacity etc.	310.00
5.	Soft loan	518.00
6.	Creation and Maintenance of buffer stock of 30 LMT of sugar.	826.30
7.	Creation and Maintenance of buffer stock of 40 LMT of sugar.	1206.96
8.	Scheme for defraying expenditure towards internal transport for sugar season 18-19	853.68
9.	Scheme for providing assistance for expenses on marketing costs including handling, upgrading and other processing costs and costs of International and internal transport and freight charges on export of sugar during sugar season 2020-21.	3478.76
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16776.22</b>