

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1798  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025

**DEVELOPMENT OF BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SUGARCANE MILLS**

**1798 SHRI MEDA RAGHUNADHA REDDY:**

Will the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of policies/schemes formulated to aid in the modernisation and expansion of sugar factory, and cane development;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to set up a research institute in Andhra Pradesh such as the National Sugar Institute in order to facilitate research in the areas of sugarcane improvement, production and management; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**  
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(a): Under Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982, financial assistance in the form of Sugar Development Fund (SDF) loans were given to sugar mills, inter-alia, for Modernisation Cum Expansion of sugar mill, Cane Development, Bagasse-Based Cogeneration power projects, production of Anhydrous Alcohol or Ethanol/Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) plant. However, the said SDF loan schemes have been closed on 21.09.2021.

In order to enhance the ethanol production capacity in the country, Central Government has also notified various ethanol interest subvention schemes from 2018 to 2022 for sugar mills for setting up of new distilleries, expansion of existing distilleries and for conversion of existing molasses based distilleries to dual feed distilleries throughout the country.

A new Scheme for Cooperative Sugar Mills has also been notified on 06.03.2025 for conversion of their existing sugarcane-based ethanol plants into multi feed based ethanol plants.

(b) & (c): The National Sugar Institute (NSI), Kanpur has been established to provide training, research and consultancy in the field of sugar and allied industry. Apart from NSI, Kanpur, there are two other Research Institutes namely Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune, Maharashtra and S. Nijalingappa Sugar Institute, Karnataka which are providing technical services to the sugar and distillery industry. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that there are three Sugarcane Research Stations working in the State namely:

- (i) Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Anakapalli, Anakapalli District;
- (ii) Sugarcane Research Station, Vuyyuru, Krishna District; and
- (iii) Agricultural Research Station, Perumallapalli, Tirupati District.

These Research Stations are working to develop and release of area specific seed cane varieties to sustain local climatic conditions for the benefit of sugarcane farmers and industry. The prominent seed cane varieties released so far are 2003V46, 93V97, COT8201, COA14321 and 2006A223.

In view of above, at present there is no plan to set up a research institute like NSI in Andhra Pradesh.

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