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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 111**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

**PRODUCTION OF SUGARCANE**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the sown area under sugarcane crop during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the sown area of sugarcane is continuously decreasing;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action plan of the Government in this regard

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): State-wise details of sown area under sugarcane crops during each of the last three years i.e. from 2015-16 to 2017-18 are given at **Annexure**.

The normal area (average of latest five years) under sugarcane cultivation in the country is 48.84 lakh hectares. During 2015-16 area under sugarcane was estimated above the normal area coverage at 49.27 lakh hectares. The area under sugarcane declined to 44.36 lakh hectares during 2016-17 due to lesser area coverage in Maharashtra and then increased to 47.32 lakh hectares during 2017-18.

The area under sugarcane cultivation depends on farmer's preference, shift of area to other competing crops, agro-climatic conditions, inter-crop profitability, irrigation facilities, resource availability with farmers and timely payment of cane dues to farmers by the mills etc.

(d): To enhance production and productivity of sugarcane in the country, the Government has been implementing Sugarcane Development Programme under National Food Security Mission - Commercial Crops (NFSM-CC) in 13 major sugarcane growing states of the country viz. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh from 2014-15. Under this scheme thrust has been given on transfer of technology through frontline demonstrations and training in order to extend benefits to the farmers. The components under NFSM-CC Sugarcane includes demonstration on inter-cropping and single bud chip technology with sugarcane, assistance for breeder seed production, production / supply of tissue culture plantlets/seedlings, distribution of plant protection chemicals and bio-agents, etc. The Central Government also fixes Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane, well in advance of sowing season, to induce farmers to sow sugarcane. FRP is a minimum benchmark price below which sugar mills cannot purchase cane from the cane growers.

The states can also support Sugarcane Development Programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLCC).

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred  
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**Area of Sugarcane during 2015-16 to 2017-18**

State	Area ('000 Hectares)		
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18*
Andhra Pradesh	122.0	103.0	99.0
Assam	29.5	31.4	30.0
Bihar	244.0	239.6	236.2
Chhattisgarh	35.5	20.8	29.9
Gujarat	157.0	169.0	182.0
Haryana	93.0	102.0	114.0
Himachal Pradesh	1.9	1.7	1.6
Jammu & Kashmir	0.2	0.0	1.0
Jharkhand	10.2	7.4	7.5
Karnataka	450.0	397.0	350.0
Kerala	1.4	1.1	1.1
Madhya Pradesh	103.0	92.0	98.0
Maharashtra	987.0	633.3	902.0
Orissa	9.0	5.5	3.7
Punjab	90.0	88.0	96.0
Rajasthan	6.1	6.9	5.4
Tamilnadu	252.3	218.3	179.7
Telangana	35.0	29.0	35.0
Uttar Pradesh	2169.0	2160.0	2234.0
Uttarakhand	96.9	93.0	90.0
West Bengal	17.4	21.0	19.2
Others	16.8	15.8	16.7
All-India	4927.1	4435.7	4732.0

\* As per 4th Advance Estimates.

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