

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3526
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2021**

CLOSED SUGAR MILLS

3526. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

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

- (a) whether around 217 sugar mills are lying closed at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has made any efforts to revive these mills;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a)&(b): Presently, there are 756 installed sugar mills in the country. Out of 756 installed sugar mills, 250 sugar mills are lying closed. The state wise details of closed sugar mills in major sugar producing states are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of state	Number of closed sugar mills
1	Uttar Pradesh	38
2	Maharashtra	66
3	Bihar	18
4	Gujarat	14
5	Karnataka	22
6	Haryana	2
7	Punjab	8
8	Tamilnadu	18
9	Other States	64
	Total	250

Non-operation/closure of the sugar mill is normally attributable to non-availability of adequate sugarcane, uneconomic size of plant, lack of modernization, high cost of working capital, poor recovery from sugarcane, lack of professional management, overstaffing, financial crunch and lack of adequate irrigation in the catchment area of sugar mill etc.

(c) to (e): As regards revival of closed sugar mills, in case of private sector sugar mills, it is the responsibility of the entrepreneurs to take necessary steps to operationalise their closed sugar mills, and in case of co-operative/public sector sugar mills, the responsibility lies with the co-operative societies/respective state governments. The Government of India has taken various interventions from time to time viz provided financial assistance to sugar mills to offset the cost of cane, financial assistance for maintenance of buffer stocks, financial assistance to facilitate export of sugar, extended soft loans to sugar mills, fixation of minimum selling price of sugar etc. Due to such interventions, sugar sector survived and many sugar mills are prevented from closure. Various state governments have also taken steps to operationalise the potential non-operational sugar mills of their states, which are given at Annexure.
