

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1495
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2024

REVIVAL OF SUGAR FACTORIES

1495 SHRI APPALANAIDU KALISETTI:

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated and disbursed for the revival of sugar factories in Bobbili and Bheemasingi, Vizianagaram district under the Sugar Development Fund during the last five years;
- (b) the reasons for the absence of such allocation and any alternative plans for their revival in case no funds have been allocated;
- (c) the current operational status of the sugar factories in Bobbili and Bheemasingi including their production capacity and efficiency metrics;
- (d) the details of pending proposals, if any, submitted for the revival or modernization of these sugar factories under the Sugar Development Fund including timelines for their consideration; and
- (e) whether any challenges have been/are being encountered in the revival process particularly concerning infrastructure, technology upgrades or financial constraints and if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a): No funds have been allocated and disbursed for the revival of sugar factories in Bobbili and Bheemasingi, Vizianagaram district under the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) during the last five years. Scheme to give fresh loans under SDF has been closed since 21.09.2021.

(b): Since no application has been received from these districts for SDF loan during the last five years, allocation of funds to the mills of the district was not made.

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(c) : The current operational status of sugar factories in Bobbili and Bheemasingi including production capacity and efficiency metrics is as follows :

(i) Bobbili, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh State:-The Private Sugar Factory namely M/s NCS Sugars Ltd is situated at Latchayyapeta in Bobbili area of Vizianagaram District of A.P. State. The crushing capacity of the sugar factory is 5000 TCD. This sugar mill is not functioning since 2021-22 crushing season onwards, due to non-availability of sufficient sugarcane and other financial problems.

(ii) Bheemasingi, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh State: The Co-operative Sugar Factory namely M/s Sri Vijayarama Gajapathi Co-operative Sugars Ltd. is situated at Bheemasinghi, Vizianagaram District of A.P. State. The crushing capacity of the sugar mill is 1250 TCD. This Co-operative Sugar Factory is not functioning since 2020-21 crushing season onwards, due to non-availability of sufficient sugarcane and other financial problems.

(d) : No such proposal is pending for the revival or modernization of these sugar factories under the Sugar Development Fund.

(e) : In view of (d) above, question does not arise.
