

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2704  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

**REDUCTION IN SUGAR STOCK LEVELS**

2704. SHRI CHAMALA KIRAN KUMAR REDDY:

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 the percentage reduction in sugar stock levels due to diversion to ethanol production since 2022, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has identified thresholds for sugar stock levels below which ethanol production must be curtailed to safeguard food security;
- (c) if so, the details of these thresholds and the action plan in case sugar stocks fall below this limit; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a): Sugar Season (October to September) wise percentage reduction in sugar stock due to ethanol production since 2021-2022 sugar season is at Annexure-I.

(b) to (d): No sir.

In previous sugar seasons, sugar production in the country was approximately 320-360 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) (excluding the diversion of sugar to ethanol), compared to domestic consumption of 270-295 LMT, resulting in a significant surplus of sugar with sugar mills.

To address the issue of excess sugar, Government encouraged the sugar mills to divert surplus sugar towards ethanol production. During, the Sugar Season 2023-24, due to anticipated decline in sugar production which was estimated around 300-320 LMT, the diversion of sugar towards ethanol production was capped at 24 LMT.

Further, the Sugar Season for crushing of sugarcane started in October month but most of the sugar mills started crushing from mid of November and the crushing is in full swing in December month. Therefore, the Government ensures sufficient carry over sugar stocks from previous Sugar Season to cater the domestic consumption for two and a half month.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2704 FOR ANSWER ON 11.12.2024 IN THE LOK SABHA.

**Sugar Season 2021-22**

**Quantity in (Lakh Metric Ton)**

Sl. No.	State	Total availability of Sugar including closing stock, during the sugar season	Actual diversion of sugar for ethanol	Percentage reduction in Stocks due to diversion of sugar towards ethanol
1	Uttar Pradesh	148.6	14.5	9.7%
2	Maharashtra	174.4	11.0	6.3%
3	Karnataka	80.0	8.7	10.9%
4	Gujarat	15.2	0.0	0.0%
5	Bihar	7.5	0.8	10.7%
6	TamilNadu	15.2	0.2	1.3%
7	Haryana	9.8	0.3	3.0%
8	Madhya Pradesh	7.1	0.4	5.6%
9	Punjab	8.5	0.3	3.5%
10	Uttrakhand	6.5	0.0	0.0%
11	Andhra Pradesh	3.3	0.1	3.0%
12	Chhattisgarh	1.4	0.0	0.0%
13	Telangana	2.5	0.0	0.0%
14	Odisha	0.3	0.0	0.0%
<b>All India</b>		<b>480.3</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>7.5%</b>

## Sugar Season 2022-23

Quantity in (Lakh Metric Ton)

Sl. No.	State	Total availability of Sugar including closing stock, during the sugar season	Actual diversion of sugar for ethanol	Percentage reduction in Stocks due to diversion of sugar towards ethanol
1	Uttar Pradesh	147.8	19.0	12.9%
2	Maharashtra	136.3	12.0	8.8%
3	Karnataka	78.5	11.0	14.0%
4	Gujarat	12.9	0.1	0.8%
5	TamilNadu	19.4	0.0	0.0%
6	Bihar	7.6	0.0	0.0%
7	Haryana	11.9	0.3	2.5%
8	Punjab	8.5	0.1	1.2%
9	Madhya Pradesh	6.5	0.2	3.1%
10	Uttrakhand	6.6	0.2	3.0%
11	Andhra Pradesh	2.9	0.2	6.8%
12	Telangana	2.9	0.0	0.0%
13	Chhattisgarh	1.2	0.0	0.0%
14	Odisha	0.3	0.0	0.0%
<b>All India</b>		<b>443.3</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>9.7%</b>

**Sugar Season 2023-24**

**Quantity in (Lakh Metric Ton)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Total availability of Sugar including closing stock, during the sugar season</b>	<b>Actual diversion of sugar ethanol for</b>	<b>Percentage reduction in Stocks due to diversion of sugar towards ethanol</b>
1	Uttar Pradesh	131.9	6.6	5.0%
2	Maharashtra	134.1	8.5	6.3%
3	Karnataka	67.1	7.0	10.5%
4	Gujarat	11.5	0.0	0.0%
5	TamilNadu	14.4	0.1	0.8%
6	Bihar	9.0	0.9	9.6%
7	Haryana	8.4	0.2	2.3%
8	Punjab	7.5	0.1	1.1%
9	Madhya Pradesh	7.4	0.5	6.9%
10	Uttarakhand	4.4	0.0	0.0%
11	Andhra Pradesh	2.3	0.1	4.3%
12	Telangana	2.0	0.0	0.0%
13	Chhattisgarh	1.3	0.1	6.8%
14	Odisha	0.3	0.0	0.0%
<b>All India</b>		<b>401.4</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>6.0%</b>

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