

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2989
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2025

SUGAR MILLS

**2989. SMT. ANITA SUBHADARSHINI:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:**

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the number of sugar mills in the country has increased during the last five years;
- (b): if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c): whether the Government has any plan for revival of the Aska sugar factory in the State of Odisha and if so, the details thereof;
- (d): whether the sugar mills of West Champaran in Bihar have been exploiting the farmers and complaints of non timely payment of sugarcane dues and irregularities in weighing have been reported therefrom; and
- (e): if so, whether the Government proposes to investigate such sugar mills and take action thereupon?

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

(a) & (b): During last five years i.e. from sugar season 2020-21, total 22 nos. of new sugar mills have been established in the country. The state wise list is as under:

State	No. of Sugar Mills
Maharashtra	7
Karnataka	9
Madhya Pradesh	4
Uttar Pradesh	1
Telangana	1
Total	22

(c): The Modernisation Loan of Rs.718.57 lakhs was disbursed to M/s. Aska Co-operative Sugar Industries Ltd., Aska, District Ganjam, Odisha from Sugar Development Fund (SDF). The sugar mill was in default in respect of repayment of the loan. On the request of the sugar mill, the said SDF Modernisation loan has been restructured on 01.11.2022.

Further, As per the Govt. of Odisha, a project report of 100 KLPD Grain Based Ethanol Plant for revival of the Aska Cooperative Sugar Industries Ltd. has been submitted to the Special Secretary, Govt. of Odisha on 27.07.2022.

(d) & (e): As per the Govt. of Bihar, all the five sugar mills of West Champaran have made 100% payment of sugarcane price in the crushing season 2024-25 and earlier seasons.

The State Government has not received any complaints regarding irregularities in weighing and exploitation of farmers by sugar mills in West Champaran in crushing season 2024-2025.
