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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1397
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH JULY, 2016

SUGARCANE FARMING

1397. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:
SHRI NANA PATOLE:

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

- (a) whether area under sugarcane cultivation has declined in the country during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether sugarcane farmers are diverting towards the farming of crops like pulses, floriculture and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to enhance sugarcane production in order to meet the shortage of sugar in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) & (b): Although depending on weather and rainfall conditions, comparative profitability of other crops etc., area under sugarcane in different States/UTs during the last three years i.e. 2013-14 to 2015-16 has been fluctuating, overall area of the crop in the country has been hovering at around 50-51 lakh hectares. During the current year i.e. 2016-17, sowing of sugarcane is still in progress. However, as per the trend on the progress of sowing received from State Governments so far, total area coverage under sugarcane in 2016-17 should also be around 50-51 lakh hectares. States/UT-wise details of area under sugarcane during 2013-14 to 2015-16 are given in the Annexure.

(c): During the last five years, the production of sugar in the country has been in excess of its domestic consumption and there is no shortage of sugar.

However, to enhance production and productivity of Sugarcane in the country, from 2014-15 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. Under the scheme, thrust has been given on transfer of technology through Frontline Demonstration and training to farmers. The assistance is also provided for demonstration on inter-cropping and single bud chip technology with Sugarcane, demonstration on use of tissue culture seedlings/plantlets, strengthening/establishment of tissue culture and bio-agent laboratories, etc.

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

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part(a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
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State/UT-wise Estimates of Area of Sugarcane during 2013-14 to 2015-16

State/UT	Area (' 000 Hectares)		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16*
Andhra Pradesh	152.96	139.00	122.00
Arunachal Pradesh	1.56	1.52	#
Assam	29.08	29.90	29.00
Bihar	258.07	254.34	258.10
Chhattisgarh	8.50	18.50	12.10
Gujarat	174.00	208.00	183.00
Goa	0.87	0.81	#
Haryana	102.00	97.00	93.00
Himachal Pradesh	1.54	1.63	1.50
Jammu & Kashmir	0.02	1.31	1.40
Jharkhand	6.69	6.76	10.20
Karnataka	420.00	480.00	450.00
Kerala	2.21	1.52	1.40
Madhya Pradesh	73.10	111.00	103.00
Maharashtra	937.00	1030.00	987.00
Manipur	5.85	5.85	#
Meghalaya	0.10	0.11	#
Mizoram	1.42	1.47	#
Nagaland	4.33	4.35	#
Odisha	14.21	10.05	10.40
Punjab	89.00	94.00	95.00
Rajasthan	5.26	5.57	6.10
Tamil Nadu	313.34	263.07	249.70
Telangana	39.04	38.00	48.00
Tripura	0.96	NA	#
Uttar Pradesh	2228.00	2140.80	2169.00
Uttarakhand	104.26	101.72	97.00
West Bengal	17.02	17.73	17.40
A & N Islands	0.27	0.19	#
D & N Havelli	0.67	0.66	#
Pondicherry	2.02	1.92	#
Others	NA	NA	16.50
All India	4993.35	5066.78	4960.80

*As per Third Advance Estimates.

Included in others.

NA: Not available.
