GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2560TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND AUGUST. 2016

QUALITY OF SUGARCANE

2560. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

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

- (a) whether the production of sugarcane is not of good quality in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to improve the quality of sugarcane?

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): No, Madam. A number of sugarcane varieties, higher in cane yield and sugar content have been developed and are being cultivated in the country which is evident by increase in sugar recovery from 10.01% in sugar season of 2012-13 to 10.62% in 2015-16.
- (c): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through Sugarcane Breeding Institute (SBI), Coimbatore, Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow and All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Sugarcane are already conducting research to improve the quality of sugarcane by increasing cane yield and sucrose content.
