

Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services

LOK SABHA
Unstarred Question No. 3244
To be answered on August 05, 2016/Shravana 14, 1938 (Saka)
Loan to Sugar Mills

3244. SHRI R. DHARUVA NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided/proposes to provide a comprehensive relief/bailout package as requested for the sugar industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of sugar mills defaulted/ outstanding loans by banks during each of the last three years and the current year, State and mill-wise including Maharashtra; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance
(Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): In order to help the sugar industry to improve their liquidity position and thereby facilitate clearance of cane price arrears of farmers, the Government has undertaken the following interventions:

- i. Provided Incentive of Rs.484 crore on Raw Sugar Export during sugar seasons 2013-14 and 2014-15 for evacuation of excess stocks of sugar in the country.
- ii. Extended interest free loan of Rs.6521 crore during sugar season 2013-14 under the Scheme for Extending Financial Assistance for Sugar Undertakings (SEFASU).
- iii. Extended soft loan of Rs.4305 crore during 2014-15 sugar season.
- iv. Facilitated sugar mills for supply of ethanol under Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme to achieve enhanced ethanol blending target by fixing remunerative price and waiving off excise duty on supply of ethanol during 2015-16 sugar season.
- v. Providing Performance based Production Subsidy @ Rs.4.50 per quintal of cane crushed during current sugar season 2015-16 to offset cane cost and timely clearance of cane dues of farmers.

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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 386
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th FEBRUARY, 2020

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)

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(b) whether it is also a fact that the Minister of State, Shri I. K. Gujral, stated publicly that he was not in favour of a Corporation for the All India Radio, as appeared in the *Indian Express* on the 19th September, 1969 ;

(c) if no decision is taken so far, the reasons why the Minister issued the statement ; and

(d) when the decision about it is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The press report in question is rather misleading in so far as my remarks on the subject have been stated out of context.

(d) A final decision of Government will be taken in a few months' time.

Nationalisation of Sugar Industry

- *101. SHRI RABI RAY :
 SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :
 SHRI R. BARUA :
 SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA :
 SHRI ISHAQ SAMBHALI :
 SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
 SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI :
 SHRI K. ANIRUDHAN :
 SHRI MOLAHU PRASHAD :
 SHRI RAM SEWAK YADAV :
 SHRI PRAKASH VIR SHASTRI :
 SHRI P. N. SOLANKI :
 SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :
 SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD :
 SHRI S. KUNDU :
 SHRI KIKAR SINGH :
 SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :
 SHRI DEVEN SEN :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the persistent public demand to nationalise sugar industry in the country ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in that direction and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Government are aware of the demand for nationalisation of the sugar industry in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The various aspects of the question are under examination.

Import of Foodgrains

*102. SHRI HEM BARUA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided upon any date-line from which Government would not import foodgrains from abroad as they have been doing at present ; and

(b) if so, the date-line and the specific steps taken by Government so far to reach this position ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). Till such time as the country becomes self-sufficient in production of foodgrains, some imports of foodgrains are necessary. With the increase in food production the imports are gradually being reduced. According to the present assessment it is expected that the country may attain self-sufficiency in food production by 1970-71.

International Dairy Development Scheme for Self-sufficiency in Milk

- *103. SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA :
 SHRI ESWARA REDDY :
 SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR :
 SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI :
 SHRI B. K. DASCHOW-DHURY :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the U. N. has a proposal to undertake an international dairy development

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STARRED QUESTION NO. 25
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th FEBRUARY, 2019

TASK FORCE FOR SUGAR INDUSTRY

*25. SHRI G. HARI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to set up a task force for the sugar industry to find solutions for the said industry and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the Government cannot continue to give packages year after year to the sugarcane industry which has to cut back production and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. *25 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 05.02.2019 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) & (b) With a view to find long term solutions for sugarcane and sugar industry so as to rationalize their dependence on state assistance while at the same time encourage farm diversification to reduce adverse impact on the water sector, a task force on Sugarcane and Sugar Industry has been constituted in December, 2018 by NITI Aayog under the Chairmanship of Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog.

Sugar production in India has been cyclic in nature. Every few years of high sugar production are followed by low production periods. In surplus phase, ex-mill price of sugar in domestic market gets depressed leading to low realization resulting in accumulation of cane price arrears of farmers. Interventions by Government are therefore, required from time to time to improve liquidity of sugar mills thereby enabling them to clear cane price dues of farmers. However, during last ten months, apart from various short-term interventions, the Government has taken few long-term measures to address the issue of regular intervention by Government. One such measure relates to fixation of Minimum Selling Price (MSP) of sugar which will facilitate a minimum price to sugar mills to recover the cost of cane and minimum cost of conversion in surplus seasons. Further, Government has allowed production of ethanol from B-heavy molasses and from cane juice which will help diversion of sugar for production of ethanol in surplus seasons. Government has also brought out a scheme for assistance to sugar mills to enhance the ethanol production capacity in the country. These measures are expected to minimise the support required by the sugar industry from Government.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 665

ANSWERED ON:20.07.2022

Modernisatin of Sugar Mills

Ravindra Kushawaha

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish new and modern sugar mills with central assistance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of sugar mills established by the Government during the last three years; and
- (d) the number of sugar mills likely to be established by the Government in the country including Uttar Pradesh?

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

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

- (a): No, Sir. Central Government does not set up sugar factory in any part of the country.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): No sugar mill has been established by the Government of India in last three years.
- (d): No such proposal is under consideration presently.

the sugar industry, in the 1st week of January, 1969; and

(b) if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) The representatives of the sugar industry met the Minister for Food and Agriculture on the 8th January, 1969. The questions of sugarcane price, the prospects of sugar production and expected prices of sugar in the free market were broadly discussed. The desirability of the industry paying Rs. 10 per quintal as the price of sugarcane was emphasised.

BUFFER STOCK OPERATIONS

577. SHRI K. SUNDARAM : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken to reduce the extent of buffer stock operations; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the decision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) The size of buffer stock of foodgrains planned to be built up by the end of the Fourth Plan period has been fixed at five million tonnes as on consideration of the various factors a buffer stock of this size was considered to be reasonably adequate.

CHILD MARRIAGE RESTRAINT ACT, 1929

578. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of LAW be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reviewed the question of deletion of subsection (2) of section 12 of the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 which nullifies the power given to courts to

issue an injunction against any person who performs, conducts, or directs any child marriage in order to prevent child marriages;

(b) if so, the result thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI MOHAMMED YUNUS SALEEM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No final decision has been taken in the matter.

ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

579. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of LAW be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of abolition of capital punishment had been referred to the Law Commission; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether the Commission has given its recommendations and if so, what are the details of the recommendations; and the decision taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI MOHAMMED YUNUS SALEEM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report containing the recommendations of the Law Commission is under print and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course. The examination of the recommendations has not yet been taken up.

SUGAR MILLS IN PRIVATE AND CO-OPERATIVE SECTOR

580. SHRI G. R. PATIL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the private and co-operative sugar mills in the country which were sanctioned additional crushing capacity during the last three years;

(b) what additional capacity has been sanctioned to each of the mills in the private and cooperative sector, State-wise;

(c) the names of the sugar factories in the country which have not completed the expansion programme and therefore are unable to utilise the additional capacity; and

(d) the steps Government proposes to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) During the last three years (from 1-1-66 to 31-12-68) letters of intent were issued for the establishment of 15 new sugar factories and expansion in 12 existing units. The names of the parties and the additional daily cane crushing capacity sanctioned for each sugar factory are given in the attached Statement. [See Appendix LXVII, Annexure No. 35.]

(c) and (d) Except for the establishment of two new cooperative sugar factories at Sangamner, District Ahmednagar in Maharashtra and at Madhi, District Surat in Gujarat (S. Nos. 5 and 8 of the attached Statement), all the other schemes are in the various stages of implementation. Generally it takes about three years from the date of the issue of letter of intent for the establishment of additional capacity licensed, because the entrepreneurs have to raise capital and arrange for plant and machinery. Wherever a party fails to implement the scheme, necessary steps are taken for the cancellation of the letter of intent or the revocation of the licence granted to it.

SUGAR EXPORTS

581. SHRI G. R. PATIL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to export sugar this year; if so, the names of the countries to which exports are

proposed to be made and the quantity of sugar proposed to be exported, country-wise; and

(b) the amount of foreign exchange expected to be earned through the exports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Sugar Mills Association, Calcutta, has so far entered into contracts for export to the U.K. and the U.S.A. as under :—

Country	Quantity (000 tonnes)
U. K.	25.4
U. S. A.	66.1
TOTAL	91.5

(b) The foreign exchange earnings on exports to the U.K. will be about Rs. 2.18 crores. As sale for export to the U.S.A has been made on price fixing basis, foreign exchange earnings will be known in November, 1969 after the expiry of the pricing period.

IMPORT OF NITROGENOUS FERTILISERS

582. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for importing an additional 1.45 thousand tons of nitrogenous fertilisers during 1968-69 against the estimated consumption of 1.3 to 1.7 million tons which is already available in the country for distribution:

(b) the value of the above imports in terms of Indian rupee; and

(c) whether any systematic study has been made about the indigenous requirement before resorting to imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) The position of availability of nitro-

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4595
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH MARCH, 2023

SUGARCANE CULTIVATION

4595. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

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

- (a) whether any steps have been taken to improve and incentivize sugarcane cultivation to support ethanol blending, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has carried any life-cycle studies for contribution to emissions due to increased cultivation of sugarcane for ethanol production; and
- (c) whether the Government aims to balance the goals of sustainable agriculture and higher ethanol production and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing sugarcane development programme under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 13 major sugarcane growing states viz., Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh from 2014-15 with an aim for enhancing production and productivity. Sugarcane production has increased from 352.14 million tonnes during 2013-14 to 468.79 million tonnes in 2022-23 (2nd Advance Estimates). Apart from production of sugar, the sugarcane & its byproducts are used for production of ethanol.

Government is implementing Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme with multiple objectives of reducing import dependency, savings in foreign exchange, providing boost to domestic agriculture sector and for associated environmental benefits. Apart from sugarcane & its byproducts, the production of ethanol has been allowed from a variety of feedstocks like agricultural residues, less water consuming crops like maize, damaged foodgrains, surplus FCI rice, etc.
