

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1527
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2021

PAYMENT OF OVERDUES TO SUGARCANE GROWING FARMERS

1527 SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

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

- (a) the payment overdue to sugarcane growing farmers by sugar mills during the last five years including current year, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether the sugar mills are not paying the dues to sugarcane growing farmers year-by-year and as a result, the outstanding amount is increasing continuously;
- (c) the reasons for the increasing arrears and unprecedented delay in payment to sugarcane growing farmers; and
- (d) if so, the steps Government has taken/is planning to take to ensure the payment of dues by sugar mills to the sugarcane growing farmers on time and the outcome thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER
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(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): As per information received from State Governments, amount of cane dues payable, cane dues paid and cane arrears against sugar mills state-wise during last five sugar seasons (October – September) is at Annexure. The cane crushing in current sugar season 2021-22 started late in some States due to late retreat of monsoon.

(b): Payment of cane price to sugarcane growing farmers by the sugar mills is a continuous process. In sugar seasons 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 & 2020-21, cane price payable to sugarcane farmers on all India basis was Rs. 55340 crore, Rs. 83629 crore, Rs. 86617 crore, Rs. 75907 crore & Rs. 92881 crore respectively. As a result of various measures taken by the Government, the cane dues of farmers for sugar seasons 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 & 2020-21 have been reduced to Rs.65 crore, Rs. 185 crore, Rs. 365 crore, Rs. 130 crore & Rs. 4445 crore respectively, as on 06.12.2021.

(c) & (d): There is no major delay in payment to sugarcane farmers and as mentioned in reply to Sl. No. (b) above, the cane arrears are nominal & are declining.

However, with a view to facilitate prompt clearance of cane dues of farmers by sugar mills, the Central Government has been taking various interventions from time to time like promoting diversion of excess sugar to ethanol, providing assistance to sugar mills to offset the cost of cane, fixation of Minimum Selling Price of sugar, extending financial assistance to sugar mills for maintenance of buffer stocks, extending financial assistance to sugar mills to facilitate export of sugar, extending soft loans to sugar mills, etc. As a result of these measures, more than 98% of sugarcane dues payable has been paid during last 5 years.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1527 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2021 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

Status of Pending Cane Dues of Farmers as on 06 December, 2021.**(RS. IN CRORE)**

Sl. No	Name of State	Sugar season 2016-17			Sugar season 2017-18			Sugar season 2018-19			Sugar season 2019-20			Sugar season 2020-21		
		Payable	Paid	Arrears	Payable	Paid	Arrears	Payable	Paid	Arrears	Payable	Paid	Arrears	Payable	Paid	Arrears
1	Bihar	1575	1575	0	2120	2120	0	2393	2343	50	2039	2000	39	1421	1417	4
2	Haryana	2049	2049	0	2662	2662	0	2289	2289	0	2374	2374	0	2628	2565	63
3	Punjab	2033	2033	0	2608	2608	0	2399	2399	0	1740	1697	43	1881	1872	9
4	Uttarakhand	1080	1080	0	1292	1217	75	1170	1065	105	1316	1316	0	1219	1167	52
5	Uttar Pradesh	25386	25364	22	35464	35444	20	33048	33048	0	35898	35898	0	33014	29262	3752
6	Andhra Pradesh	1054	1054	0	0	0	0	1499	1462	37	876	833	43	635	598	37
7	Telangana	291	291	0	741	741	0	734	734	0	415	415	0	365	365	0
8	Gujarat	3191	3174	17	3058	3057	1	3199	3199	0	2973	2973	0	3149	3105	44
9	Maharashtra	8409	8409	0	21253	21226	27	23433	23352	81	14250	14250	0	32145	31751	394
10	Karnataka	6200	6200	0	10401	10401	0	11948	11939	9	10428	10423	5	13402	13402	0
11	Tamil Nadu	2747	2730	17	2110	2050	60	2839	2766	73	2418	2418	0	2672	2647	25
12	Puducherry	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Chhattisgarh	110	110	0	275	273	2	315	309	6	208	208	0	132	68	64
14	Odisha	97	94	3	100	100	0	110	110	0	95	95	0	77	77	0
15	Madhya Pradesh	1093	1087	6	1409	1409	0	1232	1230	2	877	877	0	141	140	1
16	Goa	6	6	0	136	136	0	9	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All India	55340	55275	65	83629	83443	185	86617	86252	365	75907	75777	130	92881	88436	4445
