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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.211
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 2025

CHALLENGES FACED BY SUGAR MILLS IN EASTERN UP

211 SHRI KUNWAR RATANJEET PRATAP NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government recognizes the challenges faced by sugar mills in eastern Uttar Pradesh, particularly in Kushinagar;
- (b) the initiatives being undertaken to support the sustainability of these mills while safeguarding the interests of sugarcane farmers; and
- (c) whether there is a plan to introduce targeted financial aid or policy measures to revitalize sugar mills in the region?

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- (a): In eastern Uttar Pradesh, especially in Kushinagar district, sugar mills are not getting sufficient sugarcane due to waterlogging for a long time after the rains.
- (b): Under the Sugarcane Development Program, training in modern sugarcane farming, improved seeds of new sugarcane varieties and agricultural investment are being made available to sugarcane farmers so that sugarcane productivity and production increases, ultimately ensuring adequate availability of sugarcane to sugar mills. In Kushinagar district, 1,000 sugarcane farmers were given training in modern sugarcane farming through Sugarcane Research Centre in the year 2023-24. 4,675 quintals of improved seeds from the Research Centre for New Sugarcane Varieties, 9,802 quintals of base seeds from the base nursery and 54,070 quintals of primary / certified seeds from the primary nursery were distributed to the Sugarcane farmers. Apart from the above, agrochemicals have been made available as agricultural inputs to 4,834 sugarcane farmers for seed/soil treatment and ratoon management.
- (c): There is no plan to introduce targeted financial aid or policy measures to revitalize sugar mills in this region. However, policies are framed/implemented for the country as a whole for welfare of sugarcane farmers and sugar industries. The Central Government has taken various steps in the form of policy interventions from time to time as and when required for sugar sector.
