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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2662 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7^{TH} AUGUST, 2024

OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OF SUGARCANE FARMERS

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

- (a) whether the Union Government and the State Government are aware that the Government and Private sugar mills in Lakhimpur Kheri district of Uttar Pradesh have not paid the outstanding amount for sugarcanes to the farmers for the year 2023-24;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the said outstanding amount of sugarcane is likely to be paid to the farmers of Lakhimpur Kheri districts of Uttar Pradesh so that the farmers may be able to pay their children's school fees and meet other requirements?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) & (b): During current sugar season (Oct-Sept) 2023-24, out of the total 9 sugar mills of cooperative and private sector operating in district Lakhimpur Kheri, 6 sugar mills have made 100% payment against the total dues and only 3 private sector sugar mills are having partial sugarcane dues.

The status of pending sugarcane dues of these 3 sugar mills of Lakhimpur Kheri district in the current sugar season 2023-24 is as follows:

S. No.	Name of Sugar Mill	Dues (in Rs. Cr.)
1	Gola Gokarannath	291.60
2	Paliakalan	232.98
3	Khambharkhera	191.75
	Total	716.33

(c): Notices have been issued on 15.03.2024, 12.04.2024 and 29.05.2024 to these sugar mills of Lakhimpur Kheri district by the Cane Commissioner, Uttar Pradesh for prompt payment of the remaining dues of the current sugar season 2023-24. Further, through review meetings convened at various levels from time to time, the defaulting sugar mills have been directed to make prompt payment of the remaining sugarcane dues.
