

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:955  
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2000  
MODERNISATION OF SUGAR INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of the sugar industry in the country, State-wise; and  
(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the healthy growth and modernization of sugar industry in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SREENVASA PRASAD )

(a) As on 30.9.2000, the State-wise number of sugar mills installed in Public, Private and Cooperative Sectors is in the ANNEXURE. The total production of sugar in the country has gone up to 181.41 lakh tonnes (provisional) during 1999-2000 sugar season as compared to 155.20 lakh tonnes during 1998-99 sugar season.

(b) Loans for modernization/ rehabilitation are provided to the sugar mills at a concessional rate of interest from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF).

Besides, the following steps have been taken by the Government for improving the viability of the sugar industry in the country :-

- i) The ratio of levy to free sale sugar has been changed from 40:60 to 30:70 with effect from 1.1.2000;  
ii) Duty on imported sugar has been raised to 60% with effect from 9.2.2000 so as to restrict the flow of imported sugar;  
iii) The imported sugar has been brought under the release mechanism;  
iv) Levy @ 30% on the stocks of imported sugar held by the importers has been imposed with effect from 17.2.2000;  
v) 10 lakh tonnes of sugar has been allowed for export.

**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 955 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 24-11-2000.

State-wise number of sugar mills installed as on 30.9.2000 and sugar mills operated during the sugar season 1999-2000.

S. No. & State	Total number of installed sugar mills				Number of sugar mills which operated during 1999-2000 sugar season.	
	Pub.	Pvt.	Coop.	Total	Total	Total
1. Punjab	6	16	22	21		
2. Haryana			3	10	13	13
3. Rajasthan			1	1	1	3 2
4. Uttar Pradesh			35	61	32	128 109
5. Madhya Pradesh			2	4	3	9
6. Gujarat					22	22
						18

7 Maharashtra		6	128	134	124		
8. Bihar	15	13		28			10
9. Assam		1	2	3			1
10. Orissa		4	4	8			7
11. West Bengal	1	1		2	2		
12. Nagaland	1		1				
13. Andhra Pradesh	6	17	18	41	35		
14. Karnataka	15	37	34				
15. Tamilnadu	3	19	15	37	37		
16. Pondicherry		1	1	2			2
17. Kerala		1	1	2			1
18. Goa			1	1			1
Total :	67	153	273	493	424		