

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CANE GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether lack of availability of manufacturing prototypes and technical know-how, improper field and crop conditions the cane growers have not been able to achieve better results of their produce;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to impart necessary training to the farmers on these aspects;
- (c) whether the sugar industry's involvement in the matter has also been examined; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): There are various factors which determine the economic returns to the cane growers. Agricultural equipment for tillage, inter-culture, plant protection and irrigation operations are commercially available in the country for the use of farmers including sugarcane growers. Subsidy is also available to the farmers for the purchase of agricultural equipment under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Macro- Management of Agriculture. Specialized equipment for planting and stubble shaving have also been developed. Two projects under Mission Mode of the National Agricultural Technology Project, namely, Prototype manufacturing of Agricultural Implements and Mechanization of Intensive Irrigated Agriculture for Sugarcane Production have been approved. These projects are in operation in different parts of the country. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research have informed that they have developed linkages with the sugar industry. Training is also being arranged to the farmers in the selection, operation, maintenance and management of various kinds of agricultural machinery. Some of the sugar mills have imported sugarcane harvesters for the purpose of trials, evaluation and introduction in the country.