

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF SUGARCANE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to introduce modern technologies through an appropriate system for the upgradation of Sugar Factories in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council, an autonomous body under Department of Science and Technology has set up Sugar Technology Mission for improving the technical performance of the sugar industry. The Mission has so far prepared modernisation schemes for 30 sugar factories in the country focusing on energy conservation, higher plant efficiencies, capacity optimisation and improvements in sugar quality.

In addition, evaluation of 20 new technologies have been undertaken so far, out of which 14 have been completed and others are at different stages of evaluation.