

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:995  
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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR SUGARCANE IN A.P.  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Sugarcane Growers` Association requested the Union Government to declare Rs.1,000/- as Minimum Support Price (MSP) for sugarcane at 8.5% recovery rate, since the total yield had come down due to the prevailing drought conditions in the State;
- (b) if so, whether similar requests have also been received from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and other sugar producing States;
- (c) if so, the details of the demands received from different State; and
- (d) the Government's reaction and response in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a): The Government fixes Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) for sugarcane and not Minimum Support Price (MSP). No request from the Andhra Pradesh Sugarcane Growers` Association to declare Rs.1,000/- as SMP for sugarcane at 8.5% recovery rate for 2002-03 sugar season has been received.
- (b): No such requests have been received from any Sugarcane Growers` Association in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and other sugar-producing State.
- (c)&(d): Do not arise.