

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:12
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2003
RELIEF TO SUGARCANE GROWERS
PRABODH PANDA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a high level meeting was convened in June, 2003 in New Delhi for resolving the issue of a relief package for dues of sugarcane farmers;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) the progress made so far in the clearance of arrears of cane-dues;
- (d) whether the Government constituted a committee to look into the problems of sugarcane growers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the committee has met sugar mill owners to sort out the issue of payment to farmers; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.12 DUE FOR REPLY ON 21ST JULY, 2003.

(a) to (g): It was, inter-alia, indicated in the Budget Speech, 2003-2004 that the Ministries of Food and Finance would jointly address the problems of the Sugar Industry and propose a comprehensive scheme for the Industry. Accordingly, an Inter-ministerial Group has been constituted for the purpose.

Subsequently, in discussions held in June, 2003, the issue of payment of cane price to the sugarcane growers was further discussed and it was agreed that the Inter-ministerial Group would suggest measures in this behalf.

A Statement on the cane price dues in respect of 2002-03 sugar season is enclosed.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE CANE PRICE ARREARS POSITION

(Rs. in crores)

Sl.No.	State	2002-2003	Position as on			
		Cane Price payable	Cane Price paid	Arrears price payable	% of balance payable	
1.	U.P.	4114.40	2509.99	1604.41	38.99	02.05.03
2.	Punjab	580.99	352.78	228.21	39.28	30.04.03
3.	Gujarat	644.26	554.13	90.13	13.99	30.04.03

4. Karnataka	1063.12	699.80	363.32	34.17	30.04.03
5. Uttaranchal#	14.14	10.58	3.56	25.17	30.04.03
6. Bihar	308.39	225.54	82.85	26.86	15.05.03
7 Tamil Nadu	878.13	573.37	304.76	34.71	30.04.03
8. Haryana	267.56	138.78	128.78	48.13	30.04.03
9. Andhra Pradesh	964.06	707.84	256.22	26.58	30.04.03
10. Maharashtra	2107.68	1969.99	137.69	6.53	30.04.03
11. Orissa	25.37	23.41	1.96	7.71	30.04.03
12. M.P.	61.40	57.58	3.82	6.22	30.04.03
13. Pondicherry	22.33	13.97	8.36	37.44	30.04.03
14. West Bengal	2.49	0.00	2.49	100.00	30.04.03
15. Goa	6.49	6.49	0.00	0.00	30.04.03
16. Kerala	1.77	0.00	1.77	100.00	30.04.03
Total	11062.58	7844.25	3218.33	29.09	