

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PACKAGE FOR SUGARCANE FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose a Rs.500 crore bail out package for sugarcane farmers in the wake of a deadlock over cane pricing in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to cut the statutory minimum price of sugarcane; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): In the Budget Speech for 2003-04, it was interalia indicated that the Ministries of Food and Finance would jointly address the problems of sugar industry and propose a Comprehensive Scheme for Sugar Industry. Accordingly, an Inter-ministerial Group has been constituted for the purpose. In the 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.

(c)&(d): There is no proposal to cut the statutory minimum price of sugarcane.