

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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SUGAR PRODUCTION IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the recent report of sugarcane commissioner has indicated a decline in production of sugar in the State during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor indicating the extent of decline expected;and
- (c) the remedial steps being taken to increase the production of sugar in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

- (a) & (b): The latest report received from the Commissioner (Sugar), Government of Maharashtra indicates likely production of 88 lac tons as against 91 lac tons initially estimated. The decline in sugar production is mainly due to decline in the productivity of sugarcane leading to less production of sugarcane.
- (c): There is adequate availability of sugarcane in Maharashtra commensurate with the crushing capacity of sugar mills in the state.