

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF SUGARCANE PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether due to deficient monsoon there was an acute water shortage in many sugarcane growing areas;
- (b) if so, whether the sugarcane output was 2354.5 lakh tonnes against 2361.81 lakhs for the last year;
- (c) whether the production has also being steadily declining during the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take to meet the shortage of the sugarcane production in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a) & (b): The sugarcane production of the country in 2003-04 is 2361.76 lakh tonnes (4th Advance Estimate) as against 2815.75 lakh tonnes in 2002-03 due to deficient rainfall, pest incidence and other factors in some of the sugarcane growing areas.
- (c): There is a declining trend in production of sugarcane from 2001-02 to 2003-04. The year-wise production of sugarcane in 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 was 2972.08, 2815.75 and 2361.76 lakh tonnes (4th Advance Estimate) respectively.
- (d): Government assistance is being provided for transfer of improved technology to the farmers through field demonstration, training of farmers and extension workers, supply of farm implements, enhancing seed production and pest control measures etc.