

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

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ASSISTANCE FROM SUGAR DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR FARMERS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sugar Development Fund benefits are extend to the Sugarcane growers also;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of sugarcane growers benefited through this fund during the last three years?

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) & (c): Loans from the Sugar Development Fund are given to sugar undertakings, and not to sugarcane growers directly, for development of sugarcane in the area in which any sugar factory is situated covering, inter-alia rearing of nurseries, setting of heat treatment plants, pest control measures, incentives to cultivators to switch over to improved varieties of sugarcane, irrigation schemes etc. The sugar undertakings implement the schemes which are aimed at increasing production and productivity by involving sugarcane growers in their area.