

**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 of Punjab has requested the Union Government to provide a package for farmers opting sugarcane farming in view of the dwindling area under sugarcane cultivation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. The Government of India has not received any proposal from the State of Punjab to provide a package for sugarcane cultivation.

However, to increase the production and productivity of sugarcane, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) under Macro Management of Agriculture is implemented in various States including Punjab. The scheme provides assistance for transfer of improved production technologies to the farmers through field demonstrations, training of farmers and extension workers, production of planting material, farm implements, moist-heat treatment units, bore wells, pump sets, micro-nutrients, etc.