

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

- (a) the production of sugarcane in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether there is a decline in the production of sugarcane;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of schemes/plans undertaken to improve production and productivity of sugarcane; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government to promote sugarcane production?

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): The estimated production of sugarcane in the country during 2006-07 to 2009-10 is given below:

Years Sugarcane (Production '000
Tonnes)

2006-07 355519.7

2007-08 348187.9

2008-09 285029.3

2009-10# 251267.8

#2nd Advance Estimates

(b)&(c): Yes, Madam. The production of sugarcane has been adversely affected due to decline in the area coverage on account of shift of area to other more profitable crops such as wheat and rice.

(d): To increase production & productivity of sugarcane, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System Area (SUBACS) is implemented by Macro Management Mode of Agriculture in various sugarcane growing States. The SUBACS aims to transfer of improved production technology to the farmers through field demonstrations, training of farmers, supply of farm implements, enhancing production of planting materials, efficient use of water treatment of planting materials etc.

(e): The Research Institutes under ICAR are also engaged in conducting basic and applied research for developing suitable varieties and management technologies for improving production and productivity of the sugarcane in the country.

Further, in order to check shift in cultivable area from sugarcane to other crops and to ensure that cultivation of sugarcane is not rendered unattractive and unprofitable vis-à-vis wheat and paddy, the Government has fixed the Fair Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane at Rs.129.84 per quintal for sugar season 2009-10 as against the SMP of Rs.81.18 per quintal fixed for the previous sugar season.