

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the total production of sugarcane recorded during each of the last three years alongwith the area of land under cultivation thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the average yield of sugarcane in the country as compared to the average yield globally;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to improve the quality and production of sugarcane in the country;
- (d) if so, whether any institution has been selected for doing research work and to provide technical knowledge to farmers in this field and to develop new varieties; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**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): State-wise details of area and production of sugarcane in the country during the last three years i.e. 2006-07 to 2008-09 are given in the Annexure.
  - (b): As per the estimates of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the yield of sugarcane in the country during 2008 was 68877 kg/ha. as against the FAO estimates of global yield of 71510 kg/ha.
  - (c) to (e): In order to improve the quality and production of sugarcane in the country, Government is implementing the Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) Scheme. The main thrust of Scheme is on the 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.
- Grants-in-aid are provided from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) to research institutes for undertaking research on various aspects of sugar industry, including sugarcane production. The Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore; Indian Institute for Sugarcane Research, Lucknow and their Regional Research Stations are devoted for developing high yielding varieties of sugarcane. All-India Coordinated Research Project on Sugarcane of ICAR through its coordinating centres involving State Agricultural Universities located in different agro-climatic zones of the country is also developing high yielding varieties of sugarcane.