

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

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BY-PRODUCTS OF SUGAR MILLS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the sugar mills in the country produce other by-products alongwith sugar;
- (b) if so, the details of such products alongwith the ratio of such products to the sugar produced by the mills;
- (c) whether the price of such by-products is factored while working out the formula for calculation of support price of sugarcane;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The main by-products in the manufacturing of sugar are molasses, bagasse and press mud. The production of these by-products in a season depends upon the quantity of sugarcane crushed by a sugar mill. However, production of molasses, bagasse and press mud varies in the range from 4.2% to 4.5%, 30% to 33% and 3% to 5% of cane crushed, respectively.

(c) & (d): The Central Government has been fixing Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane [now changed to Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) from 2009-10 season] based on the price worked out and recommended by Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices(CACP). The Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 was amended on 29-12-2008 and a new provision was added that the realization made from sale of by-products viz. molasses, bagasse and press mud or their imputed value is to be taken into account in fixing the minimum price of sugarcane.

(e): Does not arise.