

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

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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE OF SUGARCANE
Singh Shri Brij Bhushan Sharan

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to raise the Minimum Support Price of sugarcane for the forthcoming crushing season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to fix uniform rates for sugarcane throughout the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

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),(b),(c),(d)&(e): The Government has recently approved fixation of Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane for 2009-10 sugar season at Rs.107.76 per quintal linked to a basic recovery rate of 9.5 percent, subject to a premium of Rs.1.13 for every 0.1 percentage point increase in recovery about that level. This is significantly higher than the SMP for the previous sugar season which was Rs.81.18 per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 9 percent subject to a premium of Re 0.90 for every 0.1 percentage increase in the recovery about that level. The above SMP is uniformly applicable to all sugar factories throughout the country.