

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

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

- (a) whether crushing of sugarcane has not started in the month of October, 2010 in several sugarcane growing States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the names of the States where sugar mills have not started production of sugar;
- (c) whether delay in production of sugar is likely to lead to inaccurate assessment of sugar production as well as increase in the prices of sugar in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and 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 & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a): The crushing of sugarcane in majority of sugarcane growing States does not start in the month of October.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) and (d): The unseasonal rains in the month of October and November, 2010 have delayed and in some cases, also slowed down sugarcane crushing operations by the sugar mills in some areas of sugarcane producing states during current crushing season 2010-11 (October-September). The initial slow pace of production by sugar mills in some States is unlikely to have any significant impact on the assessment of sugar production and prices of sugar in the country.