

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

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

- (a) whether certain by-products are also produced by sugar mills in the process of production of sugar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the name of such products;
- (c) whether the Government includes the income from such by-products while assessing the financial position of sugar mills; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum and price of sugar and its byproducts per tonne of sugarcane crushed at 10 per cent recovery?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The main by-products in the process of production of sugar are molasses, bagasse and press mud. The production of molasses, bagasse and press mud varies in the range from 4.2% to 4.5%; 30% to 33%; and 3% to 5% on cane crushed, respectively.

(c): The Central Government does not generally assess the financial position of the sugar mills. However, while examining proposals received from sugar mills seeking loans from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) for various schemes to improve viability of sugar mills, the Government does assess the financial position of the respective applicant sugar mills besides carrying out other due diligence prior to sanction of loans from SDF. Further, the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) while recommending the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane takes into account the realization made from sale of by-products, viz., molasses, bagasse and press mud or their imputed value, from 2009-10 sugar season onwards.

(d): By crushing of 1 tonne of sugarcane and with 10 percent recovery, 1 quintal of sugar, 0.42 to 0.45 quintal of molasses, 3 to 3.30 quintal of bagasse and 0.30 to 0.50 quintal of press-mud shall be produced. The price of sugar and other by-products in the domestic market depend upon various factors and varies from time to time.