

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

- (a) whether the production of sugarcane has decreased recently;
- (b) if so, the details of production during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to promote production of sugarcane in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. As per the 1st Advance Estimates for the year 2011-12, the production of sugarcane in the country is estimated at 342.20 million tones which has increased by 3.03 million tones over the production of 339.17 million tones in 2010-11 (4th Advance Estimates). State-wise details of production of sugarcane during the last three years and the current year, i.e. 2011-12 is given in the Annexure.

(c): For increasing the production and productivity of sugarcane, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System Areas (SUBACS)` is covered under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture to give more flexibility to States and implement the programmes on the basis of State's priorities and requirements. It is implemented in the various sugarcane growing States.

The main thrust of the scheme is on the transfer of improved technologies to the farmers through field demonstrations, training of farmers, supply of farm implements, multiplication, drip irrigation infrastructure etc.