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SUGARCANE PRODUCTION

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the average sugarcane production in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken to develop high yielding varieties of sugarcane;
- (c) the outcome thereof;
- (d) the details of funds released to the States under the Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (e) the special package announced by the Government for the promotion of sugarcane cultivation along with its likely benefit to the sugarcane growers in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a): The average (2007-08 to 2011-12) sugarcane production in the country is 323.40 million tonnes. The State-wise average sugarcane production is given below:-

(Million tones)

S.No.	Name of the State	Production
1	Andhra Pradesh	15.65
2	Gujarat	14.05
3	Karnataka	31.70
4	Madhya Pradesh	2.89
5	Maharashtra	75.52
6	Tamil Nadu	34.85
7	Bihar	7.69
8	Haryana	6.42
9	Punjab	4.81
10	Uttar Pradesh	118.77
11	Uttarakhand	6.44
12	West Bengal	1.24
13	Others	3.37
	Total	323.40

(b) & (c): Sugarcane Breeding Institute (SBI), Coimbatore and Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research (IISR), Lucknow including their regional research station of Indian Council of Agricultural Research are engaged in conducting basic and applied research for developing sustainable sugarcane varieties for tropical and sub tropical condition.

So far ICAR has developed 19 varieties of sugarcane during last 5 years for peninsular zone, east coast zone, north coast zone and north Central zone. Adoption of these varieties has improved the productivity and rate of sugar recovery.

(d): An amount of Rs. 3708.75, Rs. 3177.23, Rs. 3371.03 and Rs. 3070.72 lakh were allocated to various states during 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively, under the SUBACS of MMA. State wise allocation is at Annexure-I.

(e): Central Government is not providing any special package for the promotion of sugarcane cultivation during recent years. However, under the Sustainable Development Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) assistance is provided to States for transfer of technologies through demonstrations, training of farmers and extension workers as well as farmers-scientist- interfaces, supply of critical inputs farm implements, planting materials, drip irrigation system etc. Funds are allocated and released to states in lump sum under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture. Besides this, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution is also providing loan to sugar factories for cane development covering the following activities (i) Setting up of heat treatment plants; (ii) rearing of nurseries; (iii) pest control measures; (iv) incentives to cultivators to switch over to improved varieties of sugarcane; (v) irrigations schemes etc.

As a result of these initiatives the production and yield of sugarcane has increased and resulted in higher net income of the farmers.