

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN SUGARCANE PRODUCTION

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

- (a) the details of sugarcane production registered during each of the last three years, year/State-wise;
- (b) whether the sugarcane production and the area under cultivation is likely to decline drastically in the sugar season 2012- 13 due to drought condition in Maharashtra and other States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of financial assistance given by the Government to the affected sugarcane farmers in each State; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) State-wise details of sugarcane production during each of the last three years, i.e., 2009-10 to 2011-12 are given in Annexure-I.
- (b) & (c) State-wise details of production and area under sugarcane during 2012-13 vis-a-vis last five years' average production and area are given in Annexure-II.
- (d) & (e) The revised Scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) consists of 10 Centrally Sponsored Schemes including the Scheme "Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS)" to enhance the production of Sugarcane in the country. Under the revised MMA Scheme, sufficient flexibility is given to the States to develop and pursue the programmes on the basis of their regional priorities. State-wise details of allocation under the SUBACS during 2012-13 are given in Annexure-III.

The Government of India also provides loans from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) at concessional rate of interest to the sugar factories for sugarcane development including better irrigation facilities, improved seed variety, ratoon management etc.

Further, to promote sugarcane cultivation in the country and ensure remunerative price to farmers, the Central Government has fixed the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane at Rs.210/- per quintal for the sugar season 2013-14, which is significantly higher than the FRP of Rs.170/- per quintal fixed for the sugar season 2012-13.