

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:482  
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2015  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SUGAR MILLS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of sugar mills in the public, private and cooperative sector, separately in the country;
- (b) the details of schemes presently being implemented by the Government for grant of financial assistance to the sugar mills along with the funds sanctioned/disbursed to them during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from various States including Maha- rashtra for providing financial assistance to the sugar mills;
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- (e) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved along with the reasons for delay, if any, in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 482 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 28.04.2015 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a): There are 06 sugar mills in Public, 302 in private and 221 in cooperative sector operating during current sugar season in the country.

(b): Central Government is implementing the following schemes for grant of financial assistance:

(i) Scheme for Extending Financial Assistance to Sugar Undertakings (SEFASU-2014) envisaging additional working capital loans by banks to sugar mills with interest subvention was notified on 03.01.2014.

(ii) Incentive scheme for Marketing and Promotion Services of Raw Sugar Production targeted for export market during 2013-14 sugar season was notified on 28.02.2014 which was further extended for the current season 2014-15 also.

(iii) Besides, loans at concessional rate of interest are provided from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) for modernization, cane development, co-generation and ethanol projects.

The State-wise details of funds disbursed in the said schemes during each of the last three years is at Annexure.

(c)& (d): Yes Madam. The Central Government has received proposals / suggestions from various state governments including Maharashtra which inter-alia includes financial assistance such as continuance of incentive for raw sugar export, creation of strategic buffer stock of sugar, interest free working capital loan.

As indicated in reply to part (b) of the question, the Government has already extended raw sugar incentive scheme vide notification dated 27.02.2015 for providing incentive at the rate of Rs. 4000 per MT upto 14 lakh MT for the current sugar season 2014-15. As regards creation of strategic buffer stock of sugar and interest free working capital loan, presently there is no proposal under consideration.

(e): Government will take appropriate decision at appropriate time.