

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4842
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AVAILABILITY OF SUGARCANE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether drought and diversion of sugarcane as fodder has affected the availability of sugarcane for production of sugar;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with its likely impact on the availability and price of sugar during the ensuing year; and
- (c) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The availability of sugarcane is estimated to be sufficient during current sugar season for the sugar mills to produce enough sugar to meet the domestic consumption. The surplus production of sugar over the last four sugar seasons has resulted in subdued sugar prices and position is likely to continue.

(c): Does not arise.