

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2759
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST AUGUST, 2017
CLOSED SUGAR MILLS IN VIDARBHA REGION

2759. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several sugar mills in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra have been closed down due to shortage of sugarcane;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the factors responsible for shortfall in sugarcane production; and
- (d) whether the Government has proposed to overcome these factors and increase the sugarcane production and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a)&(b): Out of 14 sugar mills in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, 7 sugar mills viz. three in Buldhana district and one each in Amravati, Yavatmal, Wardha and Bhandara districts are not in operation due to shortage of sugarcane.

(c): Low availability of irrigation water, non-availability of quality seeds, financial and managerial constraints and lack of awareness of farmers about production technology etc. are the primary factors responsible for shortfall in sugarcane production in Vidarbha region.

(d): In order to enhance production & productivity of sugarcane, Sugarcane Development programme is implemented in major sugarcane growing States including Maharashtra, under National Food Security Mission (Commercial Crops). Under Training & demonstration, newly developed technologies are transferred to the farmers through State Government and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Besides, the State Government of Maharashtra has recently notified a scheme envisaging concessional loans to farmers for bringing sugarcane area under drip irrigation.