

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4367  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2017

CLOSING OF SUGAR MILLS DUE TO LACK OF SUGARCANE

4367. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:  
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:  
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:  
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether hundreds of sugar mills across the country have been closed down due to lack of sugarcane availability and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of existing sugar mills in the country, the State-wise details of the functional and closed mills;
- (c) the grant given by the Government to these sugar mills and the scheme formulated to revive the closed mills;
- (d) the target of sugar production in the country and the total consumption thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has imposed a ban to issue new licence for setting up of new sugar mills in Maharashtra and if so, the reasons therefor and the opinion of the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to provide licence for setting up new sugar mills and the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): As per reports received from the sugar producing States, out of about 480 sugar mills which commenced crushing operations during current sugar season 2016-17, about 284 sugar mills have been closed down up to 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 due to in-sufficient sugarcane availability in their operational area.

(b): A statement indicating State-wise number of Existing, Functional and Closed sugar mills in the country is at Annexure.

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(c): It is the responsibility of the entrepreneur concerned to take steps to re-open/revive the closed sugar mills as far as private sector is concerned and State Government/UTs concerned in the case of the Public and Cooperative sugar mills. The Government, under the Sugar Development Fund (SDF), provides concessional loans for modernization/expansion or rehabilitation, bagasse based cogeneration power projects, production of ethanol and sugarcane development as well as restructuring of SDF loans of the potentially viable closed sugar mills/ undertakings.

(d): The Government does not fix any target of production and consumption of sugar.

(e): No, Madam. The Central Government has de-licensed the sugar industry.

(f): does not arise.

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ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) OF UNSTARRED  
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Statement showing State-wise number of Existing, Functional & Closed  
sugar mills in the country during the Sugar Season 2016-17.

(Provisional)

(Position as on 10.03.2017)

S.No.	STATE	Total Installed Sugar Mills	Operated Sugar Mills during current sugar season 2016-17	Closed Sugar Mills
1	Punjab	24	16	8
2	Haryana	16	14	2
3	Rajasthan	3	1	2
4	Uttar Pradesh	158	116	42
5	Uttaranchal	10	8	2
6	Madhya Pradesh	24	18	6
7	Chhattisgarh	3	3	0
8	Gujarat	27	18	9
9	Maharashtra	243	150	93
10	Bihar	28	11	17
11	Assam	3	0	3
12	Orissa	8	2	6
13	West Bengal	2	0	2
14	Andhra Pradesh	33	18	15
15	Telangna	11	7	4
16	Karnataka	78	59	19
17	Tamil Nadu	46	38	8
18	Pondicherry	2	0	2
19	Kerala	2	0	2
20	Goa	1	1	0
21	Nagaland	1	0	1
22	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	0	1
	Total	724	480	244

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