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New scheme to boost sugar export

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to satate :-

- (a) the amount of debt/dues sugar mills owe to farmers as of 2014-15;
- (b) whether Government is working on a new scheme to boost export of surplus sugar; and
- (c) if so, the details of such a scheme and how this scheme will be different from the previous such scheme and the projected boost to sugar shipments with the new scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a): As on 05.03.2016, Rs. 1366 crores are outstanding against sugar mills towards cane price dues of farmers for the sugar season 2014-15.

(b) & (c): With a view to reduce the inventory pressure on domestic sugar prices, the Government has fixed Minimum Indicative Export Quota (MIEQ) for each sugar mill for the sugar season 2015-16 so as to evacuate surplus sugar stocks. Unlike earlier export promotion schemes, under the present MIEQ scheme no export subsidy is provided and the industry is expected to export at prevailing international prices and absorb the losses so incurred. The industry can export greater quantities as the quota has also been made tradable and the industry is at liberty to export raw, white or refined sugar depending on global market demand.
