

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH AUGUST, 2013**

DUES OF FARMERS ON SUGAR MILLS

1161. SHRI D. RAJA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that sugar mills owed farmers a record ₹ 12,500/- crore for cane purchase till 15 April, this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure that the arrears are cleared at the earliest possible?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)**

(a) & (b): The sugar mills owed the farmers an amount of Rs. 12,360.02 crores till 15th April, this year and a detailed statement, State-wise, in this regard is at **Annexure**. The cane dues in the current season have arisen mainly on account of low realization from sale of sugar. The dues of previous seasons are generally on account of matters being sub-judice, weak financial conditions of some of sugar mills, etc. However, the cane price arrears have declined to Rs. 4782.79 crores as on 31.07.2013.

(c): The Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 stipulates payment of cane price within 14 days of supply, failing which interest at the rate of 15% per annum on amount due for the delayed period beyond 14 days is payable. The powers for enforcing this provision are delegated and vested with the State Governments/UT Administrations who have necessary field formations. The Cane Commissioners of the concerned State Governments have informed that they have issued notices to defaulting sugar mills to liquidate the outstanding cane price dues.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1161 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16.08.2013 IN THE RAJYA SABHA

STATEMENT SHOWING SUGARCANE PRICE PAYABLE, PAID, PENDING DURING THE LAST THREE SUGAR SEASONS AND THE CURRENT SUGAR SEASON (STATUS AS ON 15.04.2013)

(Rs. in crores)

SL. NO.	STATE	CANE PRICE PAYABLE 2012-13	CANE PRICE PAID 2012-13	CANE PRICE ARREARS 2012-13	CANE PRICE ARREARS 2011-12	CANE PRICE ARREARS FOR 2010-11 & EARLIER	TOTAL CANE PRICE ARREARS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7[4+5+6]
1.	PUNJAB	1162.88	1051.49	111.39	0.00	0.00	111.39
2.	HARYANA	1328.97	1118.02	210.95	0.00	0.00	210.95
3.	RAJASTHAN	11.65	6.00	5.65	0.00	0.00	5.65
4.	UTTAR PRADESH	21877.45	14161.93	7715.52	19.01	105.66	7840.19
5.	UTTARAKHAND	1029.97	553.57	476.40	23.74	1.18	501.32
6.	MADHYA PRADESH	132.64	132.64	0.00	0.00	13.39	13.39
7.	GUJARAT	1556.67	1251.09	305.58	0.00	13.41	318.99
8.	MAHARASHTRA	14363.94	13896.45	467.49	3.52	45.94	516.95
9.	BIHAR	1414.85	1038.76	376.09	1.60	32.05	409.74
10.	ANDHRA PRADESH	2316.59	1903.58	413.01	0.00	33.09	446.10
11.	KARNATAKA	7756.41	6605.37	1151.04	13.67	36.31	1201.02
12.	TAMIL NADU	3501.58	2811.24	690.34	22.92	2.15	715.41
13.	ODISHA	89.23	62.51	26.72	2.02	0.00	28.74
14.	WEST BENGAL	12.53	8.28	4.25	0.00	0.00	4.25
15.	PUDUCHERRY	34.92	3.42	31.50	0.69	0.00	32.19
16.	GOA	17.98	14.24	3.74	0.00	0.00	3.74
	TOTAL	56608.26	44618.59	11989.67	87.17	283.18	12360.02
