**PRESS RELEASE – Sugar production as on 15th Feb’ 2023**

* In the current season, 522 mills started their operations so far against 516 mills which operated last season, as on 15th February’2023. On the corresponding date, 17 mills have closed their crushing operations in the current season, while 505 sugar mills were still operating in the country. However, in the last season 2021-22, 12 mill had closed its crushing operations and 504 mills were operating on the corresponding date.
* The summary of sugar production this year vis a vis last year has been tabulated as below. The table also indicates state wise estimated sugar diversion towards production of ethanol upto 15th February’2023, for the current year as well as last year. In this way this table gives clear idea of sugar production in both the years with and without diversion into ethanol. The following table is self-explanatory:

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| **Sugar Production as on 15th February (In lac tons)** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Sl.No.** | **State** | **No. of Working Factories** | | **Actual Sugar Production (after Diversion)** | | **Estimated Sugar Diversion into ethanol** | | **Net estimated Sugar Production (without Diversion)** | |
| **2022-23** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** | **2021-22** |
| 1 | Uttar Pradesh | 116 | 117 | 61.2 | 59.9 | 8.6 | 6.5 | 69.8 | 66.4 |
| 2 | Maharashtra | 198 | 197 | 85.9 | 86.2 | 8.2 | 6.1 | 94.1 | 92.3 |
| 3 | Karnataka | 66 | 71 | 46.1 | 45.4 | 8.0 | 5.4 | 54.1 | 50.8 |
| 4 | Others\* | 125 | 119 | 35.2 | 30.7 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 36.2 | 31.4 |
| **Total** | | **505** | **504** | **228.4** | **222.2** | **25.8** | **18.7** | **254.2** | **240.9** |
| **Increase** | | **1** | | **6.2** | | **7.1** | | **13.3** | |
| **\*Others include -Tamil Nādu, Gujarat, A.P., Telangana, Bihar, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, M.P., Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand & Odisha** | | | | | | | | | |