

Sugar output falls to 28.18 MT till March 15

THE COUNTRY'S SUGAR output remained marginally lower at 28.18 million tonne (MT) till March 15 of the ongoing marketing year, industry body ISMA said on Friday.

Sugar production stood at 28.45 million tonne in the same period of the 2021-22 marketing year. The sugar marketing year runs from October to September.

According to the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA), around 336 sugar factories were in operation in the period under review against 438 factories in the year-ago period. After diversion for ethanol production, the country's sugar production was 28.18 million tonne during October-March 15 of the ongoing 2022-23 marketing year, the industry body said in a statement.

The output in Maharashtra — the country's leading producer of the sweetener — remained lower at 10.19 million tonne during October-March 15 of the ongoing marketing year compared to 10.90 million tonne in the year-ago period. The production in Karnataka too, the country's third largest sugar-producing state, showed a marginal decline to 5.35 MT as against 5.54 MT during the comparable period, ISMA said in a statement. **PTI**