

High Court asks UP mills to sell sugar at over ₹31/kg

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The Allahabad High Court asked sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh to sell at least 15 per cent of their sugar inventory over the next three weeks at a minimum price of ₹3,100/quintal to clear cane dues, a lawyer associated with the case said.

The proceeds of the sale would be deposited with district magistrates, who would pay 30 per cent of the proceeds immediately to the farmers for clearing cane dues.

The status of the balance 70 per cent would be decided when the court hears the matter next on September 3, the lawyer said. At the end of July, mills in Uttar Pradesh owed ₹57 billion to cane farmers.

Arrears

The State government had asked mills to clear cane arrears by the end of July. It has issued notices to 52 sugar mills and lodged 60 FIRs against 43 mills for non-payment of cane dues in the sugar season that commenced in October.

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