

UP hikes SAP for sugarcane by ₹10/quintal for 2017-18

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The Uttar Pradesh government has hiked the State Advisory Price (SAP) of sugarcane for the 2017-18 crushing season by about 3 per cent.

"The decision was taken by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The government has increased the SAP by ₹10 per quintal for different varieties of the crop," an official spokesman said here today.

The new prices for common variety has been fixed at ₹315 per quintal against ₹305 last year and the price of early maturing and unsuitable cane variety is now ₹325 and ₹310 per quintal respectively—rates of both increased by ₹10 per quintal.

While cane farmers in the State had been demanding a hike of

₹50/quintal in the SAP, the millers were against any hike in the price. The Centre has already increased the fair and remunerative price of sugarcane for 2017-18 by nearly 11 per cent to ₹255.

It has also been decided that payment to farmers will be given in one instalment by the sugar mills. Cane Development Minister Suresh Rana said that relaxation has also been given to farmers on transportation charges of sugar cane to mills. He said cane growers will have an extra ₹1,060 crore income due to the government's decision.

The State government, this season, is targeting a sugar production of almost 10 million tonnes (mt), up 15 per cent than last season's output of nearly 8.75 mt.



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