

U.P. govt. not batting for the sugar mill lobby: Minister

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The Uttar Pradesh government is working for the welfare of farmers, said Suresh Rana, Sugarcane Development Minister (independent charge). His statement came amid an ongoing protest by farmers over the State Advisory Price of sugarcane for 2017-18. Almost all farmers'

organisations are protesting against what they see as "unfair" SAP fixed by the State government last week.

The State government increased the SAP by ₹10, a move which was highly criticised by the farmers' bodies as "insufficient" to meet the input cost incurred by the farmer in sowing the cash crop. The new rate of the common variety of sugarcane

is ₹315 per quintal, against ₹305 last year, but farmers have been demanding that it be fixed at not less than ₹400.

The State sugar mill owners' association, however, has welcomed the move.

The Minister rejected the allegation that the government was working for the sugar mill lobby.

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