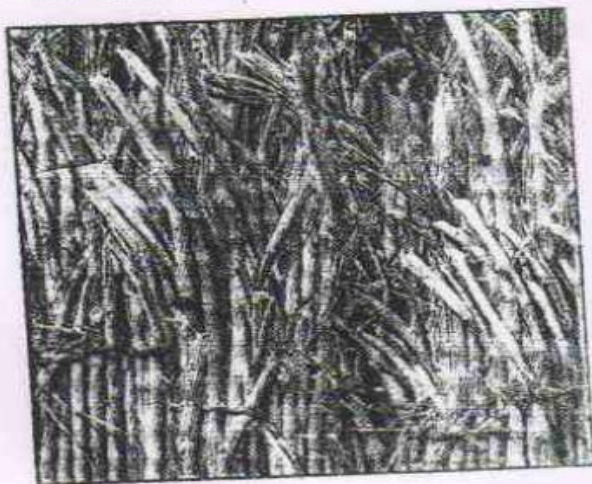


# Govt to discuss cane arrears with owners

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**Lucknow:** The cane development of Uttar Pradesh has convened a meeting of private sugar mill owners in the state on June 19. One of the key agendas expected to be raised in the meet-



ing is the state's decision to ask sugar mill owners to settle cane arrears to the tune of Rs 3,000 crore for crushing season ending 2011-12. Millers are also expected to be asked to submit their payment schedules and the dates

by which they will settle the dues. In the state's annual budget, the state government also made a provision of Rs 400 crore for clearing cane arrears owed to the state by cooperatives units.

In the last crushing season, 123 operational sugar mills clocked a total of nearly 7 million tonnes (MT) of sugar by crushing over 76 MT of cane.

Earlier, the Supreme Court had given state governments the power to initiate steps to take steps to recover cane arrears as per schedule. In this regard, sugar mill owners have time until July 7, to appeal.