

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4842**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER, 2014**

**AVAILABILITY OF SUGARCANE**

**4842. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:**

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether drought and diversion of sugarcane as fodder has affected the availability of sugarcane for production of sugar;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with its likely impact on the availability and price of sugar during the ensuing year; and
- (c) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**A N S W E R**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**(SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)**

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The availability of sugarcane is estimated to be sufficient during current sugar season for the sugar mills to produce enough sugar to meet the domestic consumption. The surplus production of sugar over the last four sugar seasons has resulted in subdued sugar prices and position is likely to continue.

(c): Does not arise.

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