

**GOVERNMENT OF
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OF CONSUMER
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AND PUBLIC
DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
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Outstanding dues of sugarcane growers

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :-

- (a) the quantum of sugarcane produced in the country during 2012, 2013 and 2014, State-wise;
- (b) the quantum of outstanding payments to sugarcane growers by sugar mills, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to clear the payments dues?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

- (a): A Statement showing the quantum of sugarcane produced in the country during sugar season (Oct-Sept) 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, State-wise, is at Annexure-I.
- (b): A Statement showing State-wise amount of outstanding sugarcane dues pending against the sugar mills, as on 15th February, 2015, is at Annexure-II.
- (c): In order to facilitate clearance of cane price arrears of sugar season 2013-14 and previous sugar seasons, the Central Government on 03.01.2014 has notified a Scheme for Extending Financial Assistance to Sugar Undertakings (SEFASU-2014) envisaging interest free loans worth Rs. 6600 crores by bank as additional working capital to sugar mills. Further, the Central Government on 28.02.2014 has notified another scheme allowing incentives for marketing and promotion services for raw sugar production targeted for export market. The incentive available under the Scheme shall be utilized by the sugar mills for making payment to the farmers.
