

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
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Payment of dues to cane growers

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that majority of the sugar Mills in Uttar Pradesh suspended their operations saying that they could not afford to pay even last year State Advised Price (SAP) to cane growers for ongoing crushing season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken if any, by Union Government to solve the problem?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) & b): The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that initially many private sector sugar mills gave notices mentioning that they could not afford to pay even last year's State Advised Price (SAP) to sugarcane growers for the on-going crushing season. The State Government granted some reliefs and concessions to the sugar mills, after that all the sugar mills agreed to pay SAP to cane growers in current sugar season 2013-14. As on 12.12.2013, out of 120 sugar mills, 106 mills have started crushing.

(c): The Government has constituted an Informal Group of Union Ministers under the Chairmanship of Minister of Agriculture to look into the problems being faced by the Sugar industry.
