

**PRESS RELEASE – Sugar production as on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb’ 2023**

- In the current season, 528 mills started their operations so far against 516 mills which operated last season, as on 28<sup>th</sup> February’2023. On the corresponding date, 61 mills have closed their crushing operations in the current season, while 467 sugar mills were still operating in the country. However, in the last season 2021-22, 32 mills had closed their crushing operations and 484 mills were operating on the corresponding date.
- The summary of sugar production this year vis a vis last year has been tabulated as below. The table also indicates state wise estimated sugar diversion towards production of ethanol upto 28<sup>th</sup> February’2023, for the current year as well as last year. In this way this table gives clear idea of sugar production in both the years with and without diversion into ethanol. The following table is self-explanatory:

**Sugar Production as on 28<sup>th</sup> February (In lac tons)**

Sl.No.	State	No. of Working Factories		Actual Sugar Production (after Diversion)		Estimated Sugar Diversion into ethanol		Net estimated Sugar Production (without Diversion)	
		2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22
1	Uttar Pradesh	113	112	70.0	68.6	9.7	7.7	79.7	76.3
2	Maharashtra	180	197	95.2	97.2	9.0	7.2	104.2	104.4
3	Karnataka	52	60	51.2	50.8	8.8	6.3	60.0	57.1
4	Others*	122	115	41.2	36.4	1.0	0.7	42.2	37.1
<b>Total</b>		<b>467</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>257.6</b>	<b>253.0</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>286.1</b>	<b>274.9</b>
<b>Increase</b>		<b>-17</b>		<b>4.6</b>		<b>6.6</b>		<b>11.2</b>	

\*Others include -Tamil Nādu, Gujarat, A.P., Telangana, Bihar, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, M.P., Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand & Odisha