

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:305
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2006
PRODUCTION OF SUGARCANE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of sugarcane during 2005-06, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any programme to provide more technical knowledge to the farmers in order to increase sugarcane production; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 305 DUE FOR REPLY ON 13TH MARCH, 2006.

(a): State-wise production of sugarcane during 2005-06 are given below:-

State/Union Territory Production (000 tonnes)#

Andhra Pradesh	17940
Assam	856
Bihar	4217
Chhattisgarh	24
Gujarat	13305
Haryana	6840
Himachal Pradesh	27
Jharkhand	142
Karnataka	15200
Kerala	85
Madhya Pradesh	2622
Maharashtra	34690
Orissa	2920
Punjab	5290
Rajasthan	308
Tamil Nadu	33299
Uttar Pradesh	121529
Uttranchal	6134
West Bengal	1052
Others	96
All-India	266876

Second Advance Estimates.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. Government through its extension services, institutions in the private and non- governmental sector is endeavouring to improve the technical knowledge of farmers and sugarcane growers. The Government of India is already implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) under Macro Management in 21 States/Union Territories namely; Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Pondicherry. The scheme includes demonstration of production technology, training of farmers/extension workers, farm implements/machines, heat treatment plants, production of planting material and drip irrigation as its components.

In addition to this, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution is providing soft loan to sugar mills from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) for the cane development in mill areas. The activities covered are production of planting material, setting up of tissue culture and heat treatment plants, drip irrigation, switching over to improved varieties, equipments for pest control, ratoon management and computerization of cane management.