

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PRODUCTIVITY OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the average productivity of sugar from sugarcane has not increased over the previous decade as compared to the other countries due to the lack of proper training and research;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to introduce better technology and research to improve the productivity; and
- (c) if so, the details thereabout?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a),(b)&(c): As per information available in the Directorate of Sugar, the average sugar yield per hectare in India during the years 1995 to 2004 has increased by 27.13% over the years 1985 to 1994. The performance of India is better as compared to some countries like Australia (5.45%), Mexico (12.75%), South Africa (2.49%) and Thailand (9.32%), whereas performance of some other countries like Argentina (40.39%) and Brazil (57.2%) is better than India.