

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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REVIVAL OF SUGAR INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry had held a meeting with the officers of Bihar for the revival of the sick sugar industry in the State;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): A meeting was held on 13.02.2006 at Patna to explore the possibilities of setting up of new sugar mills and rehabilitation of the sick sugar mills of Bihar.

As per the information furnished by the Government of Bihar, an incentive package has already been announced by the Government of Bihar for establishing of new sugar mills and expansion of capacity of the existing private sugar mills. So far, 39 private sector investors have shown their interest in installing new sugar mills and reopening of closed sugar mills. In addition to this , three working sugar mills have shown their desire to expand their capacity. With regard to rehabilitation of sugar mills of Bihar State Sugar Corporation, a liquidation application has already been filed in Hon`ble High Court of judicature at Patna.