

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2696
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DECLINE IN PRODUCTIVITY OF SUGARCANE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether average productivity of sugar from sugarcane in the country has decreased in comparison to other countries during the last decade due to lack of proper training and research facilities;
- (b) If so, whether the Government proposes to introduce advanced technology and research practices for increasing the productivity of sugar; and
- (c) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(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.