

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

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

- (a) Whether the sugar industry in the country also manufacture other by-products alongwith the sugar ;
- (b) If so, the names of these products ;
- (c) The production capacity of each of the said by-products in the sugar industry of the country as on date; and
- (d) The assessment made in regard to the demand of these products in the country ?

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) : Sugar industry in the country generates molasses, bagasse and press-mud as by-products in the process of manufacture of sugar. Since these are by-products, the production capacity of these by-products depends upon the cane crushed by the sugar industry during a particular sugar season. The production of molasses, bagasse and press-mud is 4.2% to 4.5%, 30% to 33% and 3% to 5% on cane crushed, respectively.

(d) : The demand of molasses for meeting 0.56 million K.L. ethanol doping with petrol per annum would be about 26 lakh tonnes and about 100 lakh tonnes of bagasse to produce surplus power of about 570 MW. As regards press-mud, the entire quantity is used as manure.