

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:10
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PRODUCTION OF SUGARCANE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of sugarcane has declined in the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the quantity of sugarcane produced in the country during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has appointed/constituted any committee to look into the causes of low production of sugarcane;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to formulate any programme to provide more technical knowledge to farmers to increase sugarcane production;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the further steps taken by the Government to boost the productivity of sugarcane in the Eleventh Plan period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The production of sugarcane in the country shows an increasing trend during the last three years. Data in the following table show the production of sugarcane in the country from 2004-05 to 2006-07:

Year Production of Sugarcane
(Million Tonnes)

2004-05	237.09
2005-06	281.17
2006-07#	315.53

#2nd advance estimates as on 05.02.2007

(c) & (d): Does not arise.

(e) to (g): For increasing the production of sugarcane, a centrally sponsored scheme on `Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System Areas (SUBACAS) is under implementation. The main thrust of the scheme is the transfer of technology to the farmers through field demonstrations, training of farmers, supply of farm implements, enhancing seed production and pest control measures. To increase the productivity of sugarcane, improved sugarcane varieties, crop production and protection technologies developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) institutes and the centres of the All India Coordinated Research on Sugarcane are in place.