

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

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PRODUCTION COST OF SUGAR  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the cost of production of sugar in different parts of the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the cost of production of sugar is highest in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and its impact on price of sugar; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to cut cost of production of sugar?

**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): The Central Government does not maintain data on the cost of production of sugar. However, the Central Government fixes the zone-wise unit cost of production of sugar (L-factor under clause 5A of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966) which is worked out on the basis of the recommendations of the expert bodies. The L-Factor has been last finalized for the sugar season 2003-04 as under:-

(Rs./Qtl.)

| Sl.No. | Zone                           | Unit Cost 2003-2004 |
|--------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1.     | Punjab                         | 1386.94             |
| 2.     | Haryana                        | 1251.46             |
| 3.     | Rajasthan                      | 1254.62             |
| 4.     | West U.P.                      | 1300.55             |
| 5.     | Central U.P.                   | 1349.66             |
| 6.     | East U.P.                      | 1448.45             |
| 7.     | North Bihar                    | 1455.21             |
| 8.     | South Gujarat                  | 1221.76             |
| 9.     | Saurashtra                     | 1464.76             |
| 10.    | Madhya Pradesh                 | 1348.39             |
| 11.    | Central Maharashtra            | 1521.77             |
| 12.    | South Maharashtra              | 1497.62             |
| 13.    | North Maharashtra              | 1438.68             |
| 14.    | North West Karnataka           | 1486.27             |
| 15.    | Rest of Karnataka              | 1396.18             |
| 16.    | Andhra Pradesh                 | 1413.24             |
| 17.    | Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry       | 1438.46             |
| 18.    | West Bengal, Orissa & Nagaland | 1261.51             |
| 19.    | Kerala, Goa, Coastal Karnataka | 1456.62             |
|        | All India                      | 1392.78             |

(b): No, Sir. As indicated in the above table, the unit cost of production of sugar is not the highest in Andhra Pradesh. There are nine zones which have higher unit cost than Andhra Pradesh.

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