

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1798
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2007
PROBLEMS OF SUGAR INDUSTRY
Athawale Shri Ramdas;Jogi Shri Ajit

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

- (a) the number of sugar mills set-up in the country during 2006-07 and those proposed to be set-up during 2007-08, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to constitute a commission to consider various problems being faced by sugarcane farmers and sugar industry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken for promotion of sugar industry?

Answer

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

- (a): The number of sugar mills set up in the country during 2006-07 (up to 28.02.2007) is 10 (8 in Uttar Pradesh and 2 in Karnataka). As regards sugar mills to be set up in 2007-08 sugar season, it is mentioned that sugar industry has been de-licensed vide notification dated 11.09.1998 and entrepreneurs are now free to set up sugar mill, as per techno-economic viability of their projects. As such, it is not possible to indicate the number of sugar mills proposed to be set up by entrepreneurs in 2007-08.
- (b)&(c): No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.
- (d): For promotion of sugar industry, Government is giving loans from Sugar Development Fund to sugar factories at concessional rate of interest.