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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3822 ANSWERED ON:23.08.2004 PRODUCTION OF SUGAR IN TAMIL NADU Pallani Shamy Shri K.C.

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

- (a)the details of sugar production during each of the last three year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government is planning to import sugar due to drought and floods in some States;
- (c)if so, the details thereof;
- (d)the incentives given by the Union Government to the sugarcane farmers of Tamil Nadu during the last three years;
- (e) whether any sugar cooperatives of Tamil Nadu has approached Central Government for more funds; and
- (f)if so, by when they are likely to be provided?

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 details of sugar production during each of the last three years (Oct.-Sept.), state-wise are at Annexure.
- (b) & (c): As adequate stock of sugar is available in the country in 2003-2004 (sugar season) for domestic consumption, no proposal for import of sugar is under consideration of the Government.
- (d):The Union Government does not give the incentives to the sugarcane farmers directly. However, the Government has been implementing Sugarcane Based Cropping System Areas (SUBACS) since 1995-96 for increasing production and productivity of sugarcane in the country including Tamil Nadu. The scheme has been subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture along with other schemes from October 2000 to give more flexibility to the States. The funds allocated and released to the States for these schemes, in lump sum during the last three year's (2002-2003 to 2004-2005) is as under:-

Year Fund allocated(Rs. in lakh) Release Expenditure

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2002-2003 4200.00 3360.00 @ U.B. 611.75 3971.75
2003-2004 4200.00 4275.00 4081.50
2004-2005 4300.00 2105.00 1st Instalment N.A.
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@ U.B. - Unspent Balance

- (e):M/s Cheyyar Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd. Anakkavoor, Thendalam, Cheyyar Distt. T.V.Malai of Tamil Nadu has approached NCDC (National Cooperative Development Corporation) for sanction of loan towards working capital assistance.
- (f):This society has been found eligible for sanction of a working capital loan of Rs. 620.00 lakhs, the release thereof would depend upon creation of security by the society.