

Title: Need to provide adequate financial assistance to the sugar industries in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. -  
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SHRI UTTAMRAO PATIL (YAVATMAL) : Sugar factories in the Vidarbha region of State of Maharashtra specially the Shankar Shetakari Sakhar Karkhana, Mangrul, Yavatmal district was in production last season but it has not got sufficient financial support from the banks due to fall in the prices of sugar in the market. Therefore, many of the sugar factories were unable to make the payments of sugar cane to the farmers in the State.

The factories in cooperative sectors are in trouble due to non-payments of dues to cane growers, staff payments, electricity bills, taxes etc. The situation is very explosive and unfortunate for the industry in the State. There is an urgent need to help these sugar factories in all ways by giving financial help by the Central Government, through Sugarcane Development Fund and the Finance Ministry, should come forward to help these units to bail them out of this situation.

I request the Finance Minister and Food Minister to take immediate steps to help these industries to survive.