

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1617
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2025

SUGAR MILLS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES

1617. SHRI JOYANTA BASUMATARY:

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

- (a) the details of the total number of sugar mills in the country and the number of cooperative sugar mills in the North Eastern Region thereof;
- (b) whether it is fact that there is big shortage of sugar mills in North Eastern Region and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of sugar mills which are inoperative/facing financial issues and need to be revived; and
- (d) the details of “Grant-in-Aid to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for strengthening of Cooperative Sugar Mills” scheme?

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(a) to (c): Currently total 575 sugar mills are registered on NSWS portal, Out of which 534 sugar mills were operational in sugar season 2024-25.

There were 4 nos. sugar mills in north eastern region (Assam-3, Nagaland-1) which are not operational. Out of which 2 nos. sugar mills (Assam) are cooperative.

The shortage of sugar mill in the north eastern region is majorly due to the unfavourable climatic and geographical condition for sugarcane cultivation.

(d): The Government has formulated a scheme namely “Grant-in-aid to NCDC for strengthening of Cooperative Sugar Mills (CSMs)”. Under this scheme one time grant of Rs.1000.00 crore has been provided to NCDC in two instalment of Rs.500.00 crore each in FY 2022-23 & FY 2024-25 for the purpose of borrowing additional fund from the market and providing loans of Rs.10,000

crore to CSMs for setting up of Ethanol plant / Cogeneration plant and for meeting their working capital requirement. Under the scheme, NCDC has disbursed Rs.10,005.45 crore to 56 CSMs up to 31.03.2025.
