

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3890
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH AUGUST, 2026

DIVERSION OF SUGARCANE FOR ETHANOL PRODUCTION

3890. ADV GOWAAL KAGADA PADAVI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of jaggery exports since 2021-22 till date, State and year-wise;
- (b) the percentage of total sugarcane production diverted for ethanol production since 2014, year-wise;
- (c) the details of sugarcane utilised for sugar production, jaggery production and ethanol production since 2021-22 till date, State/UT and year-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the likely impact of the draft Sugarcane (Control) Order, 2026 on employment and livelihoods in the khandsari and jaggery sector, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is aware of concerns raised by farmer organisations and Jaggery producers regarding the increasing diversion of sugarcane towards ethanol production and its impact on India's traditional sugar economy; and
- (f) if so, the steps the Government has taken to address these concerns?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR)

(a): The State-wise and year-wise details of jaggery exports from 2021-22 to 2026-27 (April-May) is annexed.

(b) & (c): No Separate data regarding diversion of sugarcane for ethanol and sugar production is provided by State Governments. Sugar mills may use the same sugarcane for sugar and ethanol production.

The details of sugarcane utilized for sugar production and ethanol production since 2021-22:

Figures in Lakh Metric Tons (LMT)

State	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (as on 15.07.2026)
Uttar Pradesh	1016.3	1098.8	981.7	956.0	878.0
Maharashtra	1322.3	1053.9	1076.1	855.0	1045.0

Karnataka	648.7	603.5	585.0	521.7	576.0
Gujarat	114.2	93.5	89.4	86.5	72.1
Tamil Nadu	139.2	160.5	123.1	83.7	67.4
Bihar	47.3	66.3	67.7	62.4	56.9
Haryana	75.5	77.0	62.6	55.8	47.6
Punjab	64.2	67.7	63.3	63.3	50.0
Madhya Pradesh	57.5	56.7	60.9	56.9	49.1
Uttarakhand	43.6	48.4	30.6	39.1	30.0
Andhra Pradesh	22.8	22.4	18.9	13.1	8.3
Telangana	21.2	24.6	17.2	16.0	18.5
Chhattisgarh	9.8	9.4	10.3	6.9	5.3
Odisha	3.2	2.6	3.1	2.9	2.1

Source: Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD)

(d): On 20th April 2026, Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) published Draft Sugarcane (Control) Order, 2026 in public domain for seeking comments and suggestions from the stakeholders. However, based on the comments/suggestions received from the State Governments and others stakeholders, it was considered necessary to revisit the Draft Sugarcane (Control) Order, 2026, hence, the same was withdrawn on 29th May 2026.

(e) to (f): As reported by Department of Food and Public Distribution, no such representations have been received. However, Government's priority is to ensure sufficient availability of sugar for consumption in the domestic market at a reasonable price.

Annexure						
Annexure in reference to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3890 for 11th August, 2026						
State-wise export of jaggery FY 2021-22 to current FY 2026-27 (April-May)						
(Value in USD Million)						
State	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27 (April-May)
	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value
ANDHRA PRADESH	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.10	0.15	0.03
BIHAR	2.33	1.86	5.02	4.41	3.22	0.39
CHANDIGARH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	-	-
CHHATTISGARH	-	-	-	0.00	-	-
DELHI	1.40	1.47	2.84	2.31	2.45	0.16
GUJARAT	2.48	2.73	2.94	3.51	3.65	0.42
HARYANA	1.01	1.17	1.20	2.69	3.36	0.14
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0.03	-	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.01
KARNATAKA	0.95	1.03	1.97	2.18	1.93	0.33
KERALA	2.98	3.26	4.34	5.24	4.54	0.64
MADHYA PRADESH	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.02	0.01
MAHARASHTRA	7.40	6.69	8.49	10.48	8.22	1.25
ODISHA	0.07	-	-	-	-	-
PUDUCHERRY		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
PUNJAB	1.31	1.58	2.30	4.13	4.09	0.26
RAJASTHAN	0.13	0.10	0.33	0.24	0.13	0.02
TAMIL NADU	8.76	8.54	9.46	8.94	9.28	1.30
TELANGANA	0.81	0.65	0.80	0.78	0.82	0.13
UTTAR PRADESH	0.50	0.96	1.45	2.02	1.94	0.18
UTTARAKHAND	0.22	0.18	0.55	1.07	1.26	0.15
WEST BENGAL	0.49	0.64	0.95	1.20	1.57	0.23
UNSPECIFIED	1.56	0.17	0.00	0.02	-	-
Total	32.47	31.05	42.68	49.39	46.67	5.66
Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S)						
