

Outstanding Amount of Sugarcane

***57. Smt. Shalley Chaudhry (Naraingarh):**

Will the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister be pleased to state:-

- a) Whether it is a fact that the approximately Rs 50-60 crore of the farmers is outstanding towards the Naraingarh Sugar Mill and the farmers of State are in great confusion due to the recent decision of the court on this mill; and
- b) the action being taken by the Government to establish this Mill as Co-operative Mill and to pay the outstanding amount of the farmers; and
- c) the steps are being taken by the Government upon the effects of the court's decision on the farmers?

SHRI JAI PARKASH DALAL, AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE MINISTER

A statement is laid on the table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO STARRED ASSEMBLY QUESTION NO. *57 REGARDING OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OF THE SUGARCANE TOWARDS THE NARAINGARH SUGAR MILL, EFFECTS OF RECENT DECISION OF COURT ON THE FARMERS AND TO ESTABLISH THIS SUGAR MILL AS CO-OPERATIVE MILL.

- a) Yes Sir, an amount of approximately Rs. 25.00 crore may remain outstanding as cane price arrears by the end of current sugar season 2023-24 towards the Naraingarh Sugar Mills Ltd., Narainagrh in comparison to the cane price arrears of Rs. 33.04 crore at the end of last sugar season 2022-23.
- b) Naraingarh Sugar Mills Ltd. is a privately owned company. There is no proposal under consideration with the State Govt. to establish this Sugar Mills as Co-operative Mill. However, in public interest, the Government has been exercising an oversight over the functioning of the Naraingarh Sugar Mills Ltd. to ensure that arrears of cane payments are reduced and eliminated in due course. The Government has been successful in pursuing this strategy as seen by reduction in the arrears of cane payments over the last 3 years.
- c) The State Govt. is committed to watch the interest of the farmers. The Ambala Central Co-operative Bank, Ambala had filed an application before the Supreme Court Committee on dated 11.12.2023.

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