

**All possible help will be extended to promote
Sugar Industry : Chief Minister**

**Strict measures have been initiated to improve and
spruce up the law and order machinery**

**Approximately 95% of the cane prices
have been paid to cane growers**

**Good and beneficiary decisions of the Maharashtra
and Karnataka Cane Price Fixing Policy should
also be implemented in Uttar Pradesh**

**Work on new sugar mills in Rasra, Sanjhapur, Pillibhit,
Pipraich and Munderva should be expedited**

High Yielding Cane varieties should be encouraged

**A proposal should be presented before the state cabinet
with regards to the Molasses Policy and pending
problems pertaining to the sugar industry**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mr. Yogi Adityanath has said that his government would extend all possible help to encourage and promote the sugar industry in the state and added that with this, the state government would also accord priority to the welfare and interests of the farmers so that the financial status of cane growers improves and new jobs are created at local level.

The Chief Minister was today deliberating at the Shastri Bhawan office with office bearers of the Uttar Pradesh Sugar Mills Association about the problems faced by the sugar industry. He also informed how many stringent measures have been taken to improve the law and order in the state, which will ultimately benefit the people of the state, investors, traders and industrialists.

The Chief Minister further stated that this time sugar production in the state is much more in comparison to Maharashtra and said that work has been initiated in the right earnest in clearing the arrears of the three crushing seasons to cane growers as a result of which approximately 95% payments have been processed.

He also expressed hope that those mill owners who have still not paid the dues would ensure that this was done at the earliest. The Chief Minister said that the price of the crop is paid to cane growers within 14 days at all costs. He also asked officials to ensure that changes are made in the present system of fixing of sugarcane prices and to study the policy for the same followed by Maharashtra

and Karnataka and adopt their good and beneficial features in the state so as to benefit the cane growers.

Mr. Yogi Adityanath also said that the state government would provide all necessary facilities to establish new sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh. He also issued instructions that expeditiously work on establishing new sugar mills in Rasra, Sanjhapur, Pilibhit, Pipraich and Munderwa.

And with this, he added, work should also be started on expanding the capacity of existing private and other sugar mills. Mr Yogi Adityanath with regards to the sale of sugar mills in 2011 said that they have not started functioning and this was causing problems to the farmers and that the state government would act on this issue.

He further stated the cane growers should be encouraged to use high yielding varieties and that necessary pesticides should be provided to them. He informed the people present at the meeting that he himself had met a cane grower in Pachpedwa who was producing 900 quintals of cane per acre.

The Chief Minister also stressed on the need to purchase the cane produce directly from the fields as this will enhance the recovery of the sugarcane and will also let the cane leaves be put to use. He also assured the sugar mill owners that the roads of the state will be much better soon as the state government had undertaken a drive to make all roads in the state pot-hole free by June 15, 2017.

The Chief Minister also assured private sugar mill owners of all possible help from the government and directed the excise department to present before the state cabinet proposal for Molasses Policy and to solve all pending problems faced by the sugarcane sector so that decisions could be taken fast in this regard. He also exhorted the sugar mills to come forward and contribute in development of the adjoining areas of the sugar mills.

It may be noted that the Chief Minister has already issued orders to the Cane Development and Sugar Industry Department to ensure that all the working 116 sugar mills in the state adopt a village each every year and develop it as a model village. With this, the 'Ganna Samiti' will meet once every month by organizing a 'Ganna Kisan Diwas' and dispose the problems of cane farmers on priority basis.

Also present at the meeting were Excise Minister Mr. Jai Pratap Singh, Chief Secretary Mr. Rahul Bhatnagar, President of the UP Sugar Mills Association Mr. CB Patodiya and other members of the association.
