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The Uttar Pradesh Government is committed to full and timely cane price payment of all farmers, to curb the menace of the under weighing by strictly enforcing the laws and crushing of all sugarcane available for crushing of all the farmers in the state. Sugar Industry is an important agro based industry of Uttar Pradesh and around 35 lakh sugarcane farmers of the State earn their livelihood from this cash crop. In the last crushing season 2017-18, the cane area was 23 lakh hectares and the total estimated sugar cane production was 1,820 lakh tonnes. In season 2017-18 the sugar mills of the state produced 121 lakh tonnes of sugar by crushing 1,112 lakh tonnes of sugar cane. The cane crushing and sugar production of last year was ever highest in the history of the state due to favourable policies of the State Government. The cane area of the State has increased by 22 percent in comparison to last year and become 28 lakh ha. Due to this the total sugarcane production of this year is expected to be 2,131 lakh tonnes, which is 17 % more than the last year. As a result of the above, in present crushing season 2018-19 sugar production is expected to be 124 lakh tonnes and cane crushing is expected to be 1,150 lakh tonnes.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed the Department to ensure timely cane price payment to farmers in due time, which is being regularly monitored by Hon'ble Cane Minister and also by the Cane & Sugar

Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh. In the interest of the farmers, the State Government is putting all efforts in ensuring the payments of balance cane dues of crushing season 2017-18, resulting into historical achievement in cane price payment during the period of present Government. Against the total due cane price of Rs. 35, 463 crore of crushing season 2017-18, Rs. 34, 253 crore has been paid and the balance cane price is only Rs. 1,210 crore of crushing season 2017-18 to be paid to farmers. In addition to the above, in current crushing season against the dues of cane price of Rs. 10,900 crore, Rs. 5,500 crore have been paid. Apart from this, Rs. 10, 605 crore has also been paid of the earlier crushing seasons during the tenure of present Government. Thus, a record of Rs. 50,358 crore cane price payment has been ensured by the present Government, which is Rs. 6,969 crore more than the combined due cane price of two previous crushing seasons 2015-16 and 2016-17 amounting Rs. 43,389 crore. Due to the efforts and policies of the State Government, 92 sugar mills have cleared their 100% cane dues of crushing season 2017-18 in record time ever.

The State Government has taken stringent action against defaulting sugar mills and recovery certificates have been issued against the defaulting sugar mills sugar mills namely, Malakpur, Walterganj, Bisaului, Brijnathpur, Gagalheri, Bulandshahr, Chilwaria, Gola, Shamli and Gadora. The proceedings of attachment of sugar produced and the buildings and plant & machinery of these sugar mills are in progress and after attaching the same, the district administration will take necessary action for auction of the same and thereafter, will ensure payment of cane dues from the sale proceeds. Along with this, FIR has also been lodged under Section 3/7 of Essential Commodities Act against the occupiers of Agwanpur, Shamli, Gadaura (Single units), Budhana, Walterganj & Bilai (Bajaj group) simbhaoli & Brijnathpur (Simbhaoli group), Malakpur & Modinagar (Modi Group), Bulandshahar, Chandpur & Bijnor (Wave group) sugar mills.

To have an effective check on under weighment, a total of 8,791 inspections of cane purchasing centers were carried out by departmental officials in current crushing season 2018-19. During inspections 57 irregularities of serious nature and 549 irregularities of general nature were detected. In 35 serious nature cases and 440 general nature cases, notices has been issued and 64 licenses have been suspended and one license has been cancelled, as well as 2 cases have been filed before the competent courts for prosecution. Out of these irregularities found in current crushing season, one of serious nature and 58 of general nature have already been disposed-off by concerned District Magistrates. A total of 13 FIR's have been lodged, out of which 3 have been lodged in cases of under weighment and 10 FIR's have been lodged in cases of illegal purchases of sugarcane. During the raid against illegal sugar cane purchases, 2,306 quintals of Sugarcane Worth of 7,18,935 has been seized.

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