

SUGAR

Sugar production up 17% at 27.41 lakh tonnes in Oct-Nov

India's sugar production rose by 17 per cent at 27.41 lakh tonnes during the first two months of the current marketing year that started in October on the back of higher output in Uttar Pradesh, according to industry data.

The sugar marketing year runs from October to September.

"Sugar production till November, 2016 in the current 2016-17 sugar season is 27.41 lakh tonnes," Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) said in a statement.

The production stood at 23.35 lakh tonnes in the year-ago period, it added.

"As compared to 340 sugar factories which were crushing sugarcane last year on November 30, 2015, 365 sugar mills were crushing sugarcane on November 30, 2016 this year," ISMA said.

Sugar production in Maharashtra declined to 9.5 lakh tonne during October-November 2016 as compared to 12.9 lakh tonnes in the corresponding period of last year.

The production fell in the state because mills started their crushing late this year.

In Uttar Pradesh, sugar production increased to 8.51 lakh tonnes from 1.74 lakh tonnes during the period under review.

"The sugar despatched from sugar mills in first month of current season i.e. October 2016, was 20.64 lakh tonnes, 2.35 lakh tonnes lower as compared to 22.99 lac tons despatched in October 2015, last year.

"However, in the month of September 2016 the sugar despatched was 20.31 lakh tonne, slightly higher than 19.19 lakh tonnes sugar despatched last year, in the month of September 2015. The lifting of sugar from mill has slowed down significantly, which has also resulted in a further fall in ex-mill sugar prices across the country," ISMA said.

(Source-<http://sugarnews.in/sugar-production-up-17-at-27-41-lakh-tonnes-in-oct-nov/>, published on 2nd December, 2016)

Sugar trade expected to normalise in Dec

There has been a slight pick-up in sugar trade, which was affected due to the demonetisation drive, in the last three to four days in Maharashtra. Industry experts expect near normalcy in trade by the next week.

"Post demonetisation, demand was very poor because of currency shortage in the market and prices fell by R10-30 per quintal. Trade was also impacted to the tune of 30%. However, things have started picking up," Mukesh Kuvediya, said secretary general, Bombay Sugar Merchants Association.

On Thursday, S-30 variety was sold at R3,502-3,690 per quintal while M-30 prices ranged between R3,680-3,852 per quintal. Kuvediya said that price correction will happen and trade will also come back to normal by next week. On an average, usually between the first 10 days of the start of the month, some 600 to 700 tonne of sugar is traded on a daily basis and by the 15th to 25th of every month, trade drops to 400-500 tonne a day, he said.

Trade had dropped by nearly 30% in this period and it remains to be seen up to what extent the pick-up in trade happens, he pointed out. Sugar millers in Maharashtra had also complained about lack in demand from traders in November.

After remaining stable at R36,000 a tonne in September, sugar prices touched a five-year high of R36,200 a tonne in October. Post-demonetisation, it fell marginally to R35,500 a tonne in November.

Domestic sugar prices have remained firm, having increased from about R31,500 a tonne in March to R36,000 a tonne in August and have maintained the firm trend ever since on the back of lower sugar production estimate this year.

The expected decline in the sugar production during the 2016-17 sugar season (October-September), actual decline in the domestic sugar stocks during the 2015-16 season and a global sugar deficit scenario has kept prices up.

Kuvediya said the outlook for the commodity this season would largely depend on the crushing, the total amount of production and market demand.

According to government estimates, sugar production in India is estimated to decline by 10.27% to 225.2 lakh tonne in the ongoing season. The Centre in a series of measures in the last six months has imposed a 20% tax on sugar exports, withdrawn the excise duty concession on production of ethanol, imposed stock holding limits on sugar mills in addition to wholesalers and retailers as it felt that some mills along with few unscrupulous traders could further push up the prices. The state will begin the season with an opening stock of 32.7 lakh tonne.

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Sugar Production upto 30th November, 2016

Sugar production till 30th November, 2016 in the current 2016-17 SS is 27.41 lac tons, which is 4.06 lac tons more than the production in the last season upto the same corresponding period when 23.35 lac tons of sugar was produced. As compared to 340 sugar factories which were crushing sugarcane last year on 30th November, 2015, 365 sugar mills were crushing sugarcane on 30th November, 2016 this year.

Most of the sugar mills in Maharashtra have started their crushing operation and 136 sugar mills were crushing sugarcane as on 30th November, 2016 as compared to 161 last year. They have produced 9.50 lac tons of sugar upto 30th November, 2016 as compared to 12.90 lac tons produced in the corresponding period last year. This is mainly because mills in Maharashtra started their crushing late this year.

In the case of Uttar Pradesh, 101 sugar mills were crushing sugarcane on 30th November, 2016 who have produced 8.51 lac tons. At the end of November, 2015 last year, 61 sugar mills were

crushing in Uttar Pradesh who had produced 1.74 lac tons, which is about 6.77 lakh tons less than what they have already produced this year.

In the State of Karnataka, 58 sugar mills were crushing on 30th November, 2016 and 7 lac tons of sugar was produced. As compared to this, last year as on 30th November, 2015, 60 sugar mills were crushing sugarcane who had produced 5.61 lac tons of sugar.

In Gujarat, 18 sugar mills have started crushing on 30th November, 2016 and they have produced 1.37 lac tons of sugar. Last year on 30th November, 2015, 18 mills were in operation and they produced 2.25 lac tons of sugar.

Crushing operation in all the other States have also begun and slowly and slowly the pace of crushing is picking up. The other States have produced 1.03 lac tons in this season upto 30th November, 2016, which in the previous season upto 30th November, 2015 was 0.85 lac tons.

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COGEN

Piyush Goyal says no value in splitting Coal India

Power and coal minister Piyush Goyal said there was no value in splitting up India's biggest coal producer Coal India BSE -0.41 % Ltd.

Reuters reported on Wednesday that according to a presentation by senior government officials, a proposal has been mooted to break up of the country's Coal India monopoly into seven different companies.

"I have made my view known in June 2014. Coal India's strength comes from it being one company," he said.

Goyal also said he has asked the board of state-owned aluminium producer National Aluminium Co. to "reconsider" a proposal to set up a smelter in Iran.

(Source-<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/indl-goods/svs/metals-mining/piyush-goyal-says-no-value-in-splitting-coal-india/articleshow/55751101.cms>, published on 2nd December, 2016)

ETHANOL

Pradhan proposes Rs 900 crore 2G Ethanol Plant in Odisha

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan today proposed a 2G Ethanol Plant in Bargarh district at an investment of Rs 900 crore and suggested the Odisha government to develop Paradip on the lines of Jurong island of Singapore.

Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan said this while addressing the valedictory session of the 'Make In Odisha' conclave organised by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Odisha government and CII here.

"Our department is now planning to generate energy from bio-waste. As Odisha produces a huge volume of agriculture waste, BPCL will like to set up a Second Generation Ethanol plant at Odisha's Bargarh district at an investment of Rs 900 crore on pilot basis," Pradhan said, adding the plant was proposed in Odisha in accordance to the NDA government's Look East Policy.

Pradhan, however, said the primary objective of the conclave should be making arrangement for providing jobs to the youths in the state.

According to the 2011 census, Odisha already has about 1.25 crore youths in the age group of 20 years to 35 years.

"Providing employment to youths is a challenge for all of us. This conclave may help creation of more jobs for youths," Pradhan said.

The Union Oil Minister also suggested the state government to develop Paradip in line of Jurong island of Singapore where industrial clusters could come up.

He said though Odisha was a mineral rich state, it has to go a long way for utilising the minerals in a proper way in ancillary industries.

Quoting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who during a visit to Paradip in February, had described Paradip as 'Bikasdip' (island of development), Pradhan said "IOCL has been investing Rs 35,000 crore for the PCPIR project. IOCL being an anchor for the PCPIR with IFFCO and PPL as partners, the state government should create a big special purpose vehicle for the implementation of the project."

Pradhan also mentioned his Ministry was making arrangements to provide cooking gas through pipeline in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Rourkela.

(Source-<http://sugarnews.in/pradhan-proposes-rs-900-crore-2g-ethanol-plant-in-odisha/>, published on 3rd December, 2016)

Quote of the day

'Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.'- Anthony J. D'Angelo