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Sugar valuation set at 3,200 per quintal in Maharashtra

Maharashtra State Co-operation (MSC) bank, the state's apex institution for co-operative sector, has set sugar trade valuation at Rs 3,200 per quintal.

The move is expected to benefit sugar mills as well as cane cultivators. The mills can also utilise some amount for payment to sugarcane cultivators. According to rough estimates, a sugarcane cultivator would get Rs 85 per tonne extra than its earlier price of Rs 1,875. As a routine practice, the MSC bank decides valuation of sugar from time to time, which is used as bar for trading. Based on the valuation, the factories calculate their income and release sugar stock in the market.

The 2015-16 sugarcane crushing season got over in April. The MSC bank then decided to undertake valuation of sugar stock in the state.

A meeting was held in the second week of June where the valuation decision was taken. It was finalised in the last week and the bank's managing director Pramod Karnad made it public thereafter.

He said the current trend is to purchase sugar as per requirement. "There is no sale for stocking or just because the prices are low. Moreover, poor rains in last two years has made the overall economy sluggish," he said.

The state is already facing arrears to the tune of Rs 918 crore to sugarcane cultivators from co-operative as well as private sugar mills. Mills that owe sugarcane farmers money include Tatyasaheb Kore Warna mill (almost Rs 32 crore) controlled by former state minister Vinay Kore of Jan Surajya Shakti Party. The Sangli-based Vasantdada sugar mill controlled by Vishal Patil, the brother of former Union minister Pratik Patil, owes almost Rs 27 crore.

Moreover, several factories under the Bhaurao Chavan umbrella controlled by former chief minister Ashok Chavan owe Rs 28 crore.

(Source- <http://sugarnews.in/sugar-valuation-set-at-3200-per-quintal-in-maharashtra/> published on 5th July, 2016)

Sugar prices up on strong demand

Sugar prices shot up by Rs 40 per quintal at the wholesale market in the national capital today on brisk buying by stockiest and bulk consumers coupled with thin supplies from mills.

Marketmen said robust demand from retailers, stockists and bulk consumers such as soft drink and ice-cream makers, mainly influenced sweetener prices.

Besides, tight supplies from mills too supported the upside in prices, they said.

Sugar ready M-30 and S-30 prices were higher by Rs 30 each to settle at Rs 3,840-3,900 and Rs 3,830-3,890 per quintal respectively.

Mill delivery M-30 and S-30 prices too gained Rs 40 each to end at Rs 3,540-3,620 and Rs 3,530-3,610 per quintal.

In the millgate section, sugar Kinnoni advanced by Rs 40 to Rs 3,620 and Asmoli rose by Rs 30 to Rs 3,580 per quintal.

Sugar Khatuli, Dhanaora, Mawana, Budhana, Thanabhavan and Simbholi also edged up by Rs 20 each to Rs 3,590, Rs 3,570, Rs 3,590, Rs 3,580, Rs 3,570 and Rs 3,590 per quintal respectively.

Following are today's quotations (in Rs per quintal)

Sugar retail markets – Rs 39.00-44.00 per kg.

Sugar ready: M-30 Rs 3,840-3,900, S-30 Rs 3,830-3,890.

Mill delivery: M-30 Rs 3,540-3,620, S-30 Rs 3,530-3,610.

Sugar millgate (including duty): Mawana Rs 3,590, Kinnoni Rs 3,620, Asmoli Rs 3,580, Dorala Rs 3,580, Budhana Rs 3,580, Thanabhavan Rs 3,570, Dhanora Rs 3,570, Simbholi Rs 3,590, Khatuli Rs 3,590, Dhampur Rs 3,550, Ramala Rs 3,550, Anupshaher Rs 3,540, Baghpat Rs 3,570, Morna Rs 3,570, Sakoti Rs 3,550, Chandpur Rs 3,550, Nazibabad Rs 3,560 and Malakpur Rs N.T.

(Source- [http://sugarnews.in/sugar-prices-up-on-strong-demand/published on 5th July, 2016](http://sugarnews.in/sugar-prices-up-on-strong-demand/published-on-5th-July-2016))

Co-gen/Power

Power cost may drop after coal import probe

A probe into the Rs 29,000-crore coal import scam, where the value of coal from Indonesia for power plants was allegedly inflated by companies, seems set to lower electricity tariff in several states, including Maharashtra.

At least four state electricity regulatory commissions Maharashtra, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have written to the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seeking details of the probe. "We have had discussions with the DRI and have requested for a detailed report on the over-invoicing of power plant equipment, besides inflating the value of coal. This will have an impact on the tariff pertaining to power plants under our jurisdiction in Maharashtra," said a senior MERC official.

The DRI estimates that tariff could come down by 50 paise to Rs 1.50 per unit. It has referred the case to the "Forum of Regulators" comprising chairpersons of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) and all the state monitors.

(Source-<http://indianpowersector.com/2016/07/power-cost-may-drop-after-coal-import-probe/> published on 6th July, 2016)

Power generation growth doubles to 9.5% In 2016

Power generation growth has been 9.5 per cent this year so far, which is almost double of 5.65 per cent achieved between 2004 and 2014.

The power generation growth was recorded at 5.65 per cent between 2004 to 2014, 5.02 per cent in 2012-14, 7.03 per cent in 2014-16 and 9.5 per cent in 2016-till date, Power Minister Piyush Goyal tweeted on Monday.

Mr Goyal also said there was 87 per cent reduction in energy shortage in just two years to 14 million units (mu), from 110 million units earlier.

According to Vidyut Pravah application to monitor power demand on the basis of data provided by states, the electricity deficit came down to 14 mu in July this year from 110 mu in the same month in 2014 and 62 mu in 2015.

(Source: <http://indianpowersector.com/2016/07/power-generation-growth-doubles-to-9-5-in-2016/> published on 5th July, 2016)

India Set to Have First Power Surplus in at Least Eight Years

India forecast an electricity surplus for the first time in at least eight years because of transmission improvements and more generation.

The country may have 1.1 percent excess electricity supplies in the year ending March 2017, according to the power ministry's Central Electricity Authority. A 2.6 percent surplus for the period is forecast for peak periods, when daily demand is highest. India's power deficit shrank to below 1 percent in May.

The narrowing gap masks unfulfilled demand in a country where one in five citizens don't have access to electricity and a market for back-up power thrives because of unreliable supplies. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's plan to light up every household by 2019 and boost manufacturing in the country are expected to help lift electricity demand.

"The overall surplus estimation, while skewed due to the position in Western region, demonstrates the progress India has made in resolving fuel and power generation issues," said Sambitosh Mohapatra, a partner at PwC India. "As the economy grows, financials of state utilities improve and rural electrification progresses, the surplus will get absorbed."

(Source: <http://indianpowersector.com/2016/07/india-set-to-have-first-power-surplus-in-at-least-eight-years/> published on 5th July, 2016)

Thought of the day

Most successful men have not achieved their distinction by having some new talent or opportunity presented to them. They have developed the opportunity that was at hand. -Anonymous