

SUGAR INDUSTRY IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

India is the largest consumer of sugar and the second largest producer of sugar with a share of over 15 per cent of world sugar production. Sugar industry is the second largest agro based industry in India after textiles. The importance of sugar industry in India can be judged from the fact that about 45 million sugarcane growers and a large number of rural laborers depend on sugarcane and sugar industry for their livelihood. Sugar cultivation accounts for 3 per cent of total cultivated area and contributes 7.5 per cent of the gross value of agricultural production.

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