

State govt plans over ₹170-cr upgrade for Baghpat, Muz'nagar sugar mills

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LUCKNOW: The state government has laid out a plan to upgrade sugar mills in Baghpat and Muzaffarnagar, aiming to enhance their efficiency and technological capabilities, ensuring maximum benefits for the state's sugarcane farmers, said a government spokesperson. The upgrades involve a proposed investment of over Rs 170 crore for the two mills.

The initiative was discussed at a high-level meeting chaired

by chief secretary Manoj Kumar Singh, where the state government proposed an investment of Rs 84.77 crore for modernization and marginal expansion of the Kisan Sahakari Sugar Mill in Baghpat. The project involves increasing the mill's crushing capacity from 2,500 TCD to 3,000 TCD, with the financial arrangement comprising 50 percent share capital from the state government and 50 percent as a loan, according to a government communication.

The government has allocated Rs 65 crore in the 2024-25

budget for this purpose. The modernization is essential due to the ample availability of sugarcane in the mill's command area, with expectations of crushing about 5.01 lakh tonnes in the next five years, up from the current 4.82 lakh tonnes.

Similarly, a proposal to invest Rs 88.02 crore for the expansion and technical upgrade of Ganga Kisan Sahakari Sugar Mill Ltd. in Morna, Muzaffarnagar, was also discussed. This mill will also see an increase in crushing capacity from 2,500 TCD to 3,000 TCD.

There too, the state government will provide 50 per cent of the funds as share capital and the remaining 50 per cent will be a loan. Modernisation will enable the mill to crush up to 5.40 lakh tonnes of sugarcane over the next five years, compared to the current 4.85 lakh tonnes.

These upgrades are expected to bring significant benefits, including reduced steam and power consumption, timely crushing of sugarcane, bagasse savings, and improved sugar recovery.