**NFCSF FLAGS SUGAR OUTPUT ‘AMBIGUITY’**

INDIAN sugar production has declined by 16.13% to 23.71 million tonnes so far in the ongoing 2024-25 season, creating challenges for Government policies which were formulated based on higher initial projections, cooperative body National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories (NFCSF) said on Sunday.

The NFCSF expressed concern over the “ambiguity” in sugar production numbers as the 2024-25 sugarcane crushing season (October-September) nears its end with significantly lower output than initially projected. Since the season began, sugar production estimates have been revised downward repeatedly, it said.

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