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(i) LOW CANE PRICE

The main problem faced by the industry is non-payment of high price for cane supplied. Since the price announced by the Government is not profitable to the growers the growers go for other alternative crops. It is suggested that the Government announces reasonably high price not only to retain the farmers at present raising sugarcane but to attract new producers also.

(ii) DELAY IN ANNOUNCING CANE PRICE

The cane price announced by the Government should be in there the price is not announced in advance are not interesting be sugar cultivation. The Government should announce the cane price every year at least one month before the time of cultivation.

(iii) LOCAL CRUSHING

Local crushing means supplying cane to Jaggery production. Another problem suffered by this mill is local crushing. The cane price paid by the Jaggery producers is more than the price paid by the mills. Naturally growers prefer to supply their cane to Jaggery producers.

(iv) HEAVY TRANSPORTATION CHARGES

The farmers from distant place have to bear heavy transportation charges to bring the sugarcane to the mills. The high cost of transport drives the growers to other alternative crops. The mills may give subsidy to
the growers who wish to supply from places so reduce their transport costs. It may take proper steps to bring the sugarcane in time. So as to avoid loss in the weight of sugarcane.

(v) CANE CUTTING CHARGES

Also the farmers are afraid of paying cane cutting charges. Since the overhead expenses are heavy in raising sugarcane, growers are not willing to cultivate sugarcane. Sugar mills must introduce new methods of cutting the cane and the charges paid to the labourers for cutting the cane should be fixed by the mill itself. It may be made uniform irrespective of the area of cane cultivation.

(vi) LOSS OF PRODUCTIVE HOURS

The loss of productive hours due to want sugarcane, engineering reasons like mechanical and electrical general cleaning and others. The hours lost may be minimized by proper communication to the staff in charge of the sugarcane supply and proper road facilities may be provided by the mills for carrying the sugarcane to the mills in time.

(vii) RISING COST

The next problem of sugar mill is the high cost of production of sugar. This is due to several reasons. The main reason is the low recovery of sugar from sugarcane which constitutes about 2/3rd of the production cost of sugar. The other reasons for high cost of production are increase in
price of raw materials, coal and power. Increase utilization of sugar by products etc.

**(viii) MODERNISATION PROBLEM**

The use of old machinery and slow progress of renovation and modernization of plants is another outstanding problem. So this mill introduced in new modern machinery and developed in sugar production.

**(ix) SHORTAGE OF POWER**

This mill has been facing the problem of inadequate power supply for the last few years and is therefore unable to continue normal working. This power shortage specially in bummer crop year leads not only to cuts in sugar production but to the national loss and creates a law and order situation.

**(x) INADEQUATE SUGARCANE**

The supply of sugarcane meeting the needs of the factory as per crushing capacity sufficient for 180 days is a must. Due to the lack of availability of sugarcane for cane development the mill are sick. Planning for cane development and introduction and improved sugarcane varieties.