

Name of Organisation	Mauritius Cane Industry Authority															
Brief description of Organisation	<p>With the Proclamation of the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority Act (No. 40 of 2011) on 19 March 2012, the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority was created as a body corporate to take over the powers and objects of the following six cess funded institutions, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Cane Planters and Millers Arbitration and Control Board; (ii) Farmers Service Corporation; (iii) Mauritius Sugar Authority; (iv) Mauritius Sugar Industry Research Institute; (v) Mauritius Sugar Terminal Corporation; and (vi) Sugar Planters Mechanical Pool Corporation. <p>The Mauritius Cane Industry Authority became the apex organisation of the sugar cane industry.</p> <p>Mission To promote the development of the cane sector and its clusters through systematic policy measures, creating an enabling environment with innovative and efficient services, research and development, technology transfer and value addition to meet current and future challenges.</p> <p>Vision To ensure a sustainable cane industry as an important pillar within the socio-economic framework of the country.</p>															
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Schemes /Incentives/Support Services that may benefit Cooperative Societies	Details of Schemes/ Incentives/ Support Services (Description)			Contact Person (Name, Tel. No. and Email Address) for each scheme/incentive/support service												
1. Seed Cane Subsidy Scheme	<p>Description Planters pay a subsidized rate on cane planting materials and the amount payable varies with the period of plantation.</p> <p>Eligibility Price payable depends on ownership category and planting season.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Rs/tonne</td> <td>Planters growing up to 10 ha</td> <td>Planters growing > 10 ha to 40 ha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Period</td> <td>Total Price</td> <td>Subsidy</td> <td>Price payable</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Subsidy</td> <td>Price payable</td> </tr> </table>				Rs/tonne	Planters growing up to 10 ha	Planters growing > 10 ha to 40 ha	Period	Total Price	Subsidy	Price payable			Subsidy	Price payable	mcia.mu
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<p data-bbox="82 1131 354 1243">2. Nursery Establishment Scheme</p>	<p data-bbox="411 1131 1241 1400"><u>Description</u> A package of incentives is offered to planters replanting their fields under specific conditions and in accordance with nursery establishment programme. The nursery owner sells his crop on cane planting material to other planters under the close supervision of the FSC and is paid a subsidy per ton cane sold.</p> <p data-bbox="411 1400 1241 1556"><u>Eligibility</u> Planter profile, field accessibility, soil type, variety adaptability are important criteria taken into consideration for eligibility.</p> <p data-bbox="411 1556 1241 1825"><u>Procedure</u> Based on demand forecast for setts and replanting rates in main cane growing regions, a number of fields under specific cane variety are selected and planters are requested to sign a nursery agreement. They have to submit their SIFB registration card and National Identity Card.</p>																		
<p data-bbox="82 1852 375 2004">3. Agricultural Land Management System (ALMS)scheme</p>	<p data-bbox="411 1852 1241 2004"><u>Description</u> Under ALMS small planters are encouraged to renew their sugarcane plantations and to bring back under cultivation land previously abandoned.</p> <p data-bbox="411 2004 1241 2116"><u>Eligibility</u> 1. Planters owning less than 15 ha (35.5 arpents) and who have completed 6 harvests under FORIP/SPRP and owners</p>																		

	<p>of abandoned cane lands and those who have never benefitted from any such scheme: category 1.</p> <p>2. Planters having already previously benefitted from FORIP/SPRP, and who have experienced significant yield decrease and have not completed 6 harvests, and are still willing to renew their crop: category 2.</p> <p><u>Procedure</u></p> <p>Planters should call in person at the FSC in their region with the latest SIFB registration card, National Identity Card for signing ALMS agreement, prior to implementation.</p> <p>1. After replanting their fields, eligible planters under category 1, benefit a cash grant of Rs 118,500 per ha. (90% of the total sum immediately after planting and balance amount 2 months later). Previously the grant for this category was Rs 83,000 per ha.</p> <p>2. After replanting their fields, eligible planters under category 2, benefit a cash grant of Rs 83,500 per ha. (90% of the total sum immediately after planting and balance amount 2 months later). Previously, the grant for this category was Rs 58,500 per ha.</p>	
<p>4. Road Mending Scheme</p>	<p><u>Description</u></p> <p>The purpose of the road mending scheme is to improve cane field access roads of small planters in difficult conditions. It includes supply of and laying of rough stones to repair potholes in main access roads, rehabilitation of main drains, and construction of culverts and bridges for the benefit of groups of planters within the locality. This scheme is financed through the Planters Fund created after the closure of a sugar factory under the Blue Print.</p> <p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>1. The slope of the land should be more than 8%</p> <p>2. High rainfall (> 2500 mm) regions are prioritised.</p> <p>3. Number of planters using the access road and tonnage of cane produced from the locality are important criteria for eligibility.</p> <p><u>Procedure</u></p> <p>Planters should call in person at the FSC in their region with the latest SIFB registration card, National Identity Card. A project proposal is prepared.</p>	
<p>5. Fertiliser scheme</p>	<p><u>Description</u></p> <p>In this scheme, government is providing a Fertiliser voucher equivalent to 10 bags of fertilisers (25kg) of type 17-8-25/acre or equivalent or a refund of a maximum of Rs 13,100/acre. 50% of this amount is refundable after one year while the remaining 50% is a grant.</p> <p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>All sugar cane planters owning less than 100 ha. Fields should be a ratoon cane (not a newly planted field) Planter should have carried his harvest 2022 already with a yield greater than 12 tons/acre.</p> <p><u>Procedure</u></p>	

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6. Certification and Accreditation to Sustainability Labels	<p><u>Description</u> Export of sugar under sustainable and accredited trade labels is an important avenue for planters to gain additional revenue through their cooperative societies. There is a potential to export some 40,000 t sugar under Fairtrade Label and some 4,000 t white refined sugar under the Altromercato/Ferrero Sustainable Development Programme respectively whereby the sugar is sold at a premium rate of 60 USD /t sugar and €40/t of sugar respectively.</p> <p><u>Eligibility</u> Cooperative Credit Societies having undergone the Audit and Certification process by accredited bodies.</p> <p><u>Procedure</u> Cooperative Credit Societies having undergone the Audit and Certification process should submit their claims of the certification fees to the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority through the Mauritius Sugar Syndicate to benefit from 50% refund of the cost.</p>	