

Production of Edible Oils

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Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plan to increase the production of edible oils in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the country could not reach the target as per schedule; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b). Government has taken a number of measures to increase the production of oilseeds and oils. The important measures taken are :

1. Implementation of the National Oilseeds Development Project, covering special project on groundnut, rapeseed/mustard, soyabean and sunflower besides intensive development work on other oilseeds.
2. State level cooperative oilseeds growers' federation have been formed in some States under the project for restructuring of Edible Oils and Oilseeds production and Marketing through National Dairy Development Board.
3. Better incentive to producers through fixation of minimum support prices for oilseeds at higher levels.
4. Intensification of research efforts for increasing the productivity of oilseeds. A technology Mission on oilseeds has been set up.
5. Increase in area under non-traditional oilseed crop like

soyabean and sunflower and exploitation of oilseeds of tree and forest origin, rice bran etc.

6. Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds.

7. Fiscal incentives for increased use of non-conventional oils by the vanaspati industry, exemption from excise duty in respect of refined rice bran, cottonseed and soyabean oils meant for direct human consumption and also for refined solvent extracted oil.

(c) The target and actual production of oilseeds during 1984-85 and 1985-86 is as under :

(Qty. in Lakh tonne)		
Year	Target	Production achieved
1984-85	130.00	129.5
1985-86	136.00	111.5

(d) The target could not be achieved due to drought conditions.

Extraction of Edible Oil from Cotton Seeds

1074. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have studied the feasibility of extracting edible oil from cotton seeds; and

(b) if so, the findings of the study so made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No specific study regarding feasibility of extracting edible oils from cottonseed has been made by the Government. However, the matter has been dealt