

from the farmers in Gujarat and at what rate?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): There is free trade in cotton in Gujarat State. Cotton is purchased by the public sector, private sector and cooperative sector agencies at ruling market prices.

Production of Edible Oils

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Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of approximate production of various quality of edible oils during the years 1977, 1978 and 1979;

(b) what were the requirements of these oils in the country; and

(c) the details of import and export made during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) A statement giving the estimated production of major edible oils during the years 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79 is enclosed.

(b) The requirements edible oils in the country are estimated on oil-year-wise (Nov.-Oct.) basis. The estimated figures for oil-years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 are given below:—

		Lakh tonnes
1977-78	33.42
1978-79	35.91
1979-80	36.45

(c) The details of imports and exports during the year 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 (upto June, 1980) are given below:

Quantity in Lakh tonnes, Value in crores.	1977-78		1978-79		1979-80	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Import	12.84	707.63	10.41	533.41	.87	51.23
Export	.0048	.63	.024	1.51	.0799	6.04

Statement

Estimated Production of major Edible Oils in the country.

Edible Oils	('000 tonnes)		
	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79
Groundnut oil	1192	1400	1470
Mustard oil	479	500	570
Sesamum oil	161	160	170
Safflower oil	42	37	42
Nigerseed oil	25	30	30
Cotton seed oil	186	230	250
Coconut oil	170	169	169
Total :	2255	2526	2701

Note : The above estimates are worked out after making allowance for requirements of seed and direct consumption and then applying the oil recovery ratios to the quantity of seeds available for crushing. As such, the above figures give only an approximate idea with regard to production of edible oils.