

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2337
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OIL SEED CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area presently under oilseeds cultivation, crop-wise;
- (b) whether there is any decrease in the area under oilseed cultivation as compared to past figures;
- (c) if so, the specific figures including the names of the each crop affected and names of the States where these crops are presently cultivated and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the area presently under coconut cultivation in each State and whether there is a fall in coconut, copra, and coconut price in the market and whether will it effect expansion of coconut cultivation in future:
- (e) the area presently under oil-palm cultivation, State-wise area and production in the past;
- (f) the present subsidy on oil fruit per tonne, present market price and the opinion of millers in this regard; (g) whether India is presently the biggest importer of edible oil in the world; and (h) if so, the extent to which it is likely to affect our agricultural economy and oil seed production including coconut?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

- (a): Crop-wise total area presently under oilseeds cultivation is given in the enclosed statement I.
- (b): The highest ever record area with production of oilseeds was during the year 1998-99 and since then the area under oilseeds is fluctuating due to abnormal weather conditions and severe drought conditions in major oilseeds growing states like Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Haryana.
- (c): Due to drought situation major affected crops during 1999-2000 were groundnut, rapeseed-mustard, sunflower and soyabean having a less area as compared to the area of 1998-99 i.e. groundnut about 6.19 lakh ha., rapeseed-mustard 4.91 lakh ha., sunflower 4.72 lakh ha. and soyabean 2.86 lakh ha. in major oilseeds growing states viz. Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Haryana.
- (d): The present state-wise area under Coconut cultivation is given in the enclosed Statement-II. It has been reported that there is a distress sale of coconut and copra during 1998-99 and 1999-2000. Since the Government of India has increased the custom duty on the imported oil, the expansion of coconut cultivation will not be affected.
- (e): State-wise area presently under Oil Palm Plantation as well as production of oil palm during the last 3 years is given in the enclosed Statement-III.
- (f): The Oil Palm entrepreneurs are purchasing the Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) of Oil Palm at a price of Rs.2300 per tonne which is the cost of production. Under the market intervention scheme, NAFED is purchasing the FFB of Oil Palm at a price of Rs.2750 per tonne and the farmers are being paid this price in order to protect them and the price realised from oil palm processors is Rs.2300 per tonne bearing a loss of Rs.450 per tonne by the center and the state on 50:50 share basis as a subsidy on FFBs of Oil Palm.
- (g) & (h): There is a shortage of oilseeds production in the country to meet the domestic demand of edible oil thus necessitating the import of edible oil to meet the domestic demand. Due to liberalised policy for import of edible oil and keeping it under OGL there is a huge import of edible oil which is cheaper than the edible oil produced indigenously. The import of cheap edible oil is affecting the oilseed growers. In a bid to provide protection to the domestic industry and negate the impact of low international prices the Government has increased the import duties by 10-30% on all crude and refined edible oils with effect from 21.11.2000. In order to protect the interest of the oilseed farmers NAFED being the central nodal agency for the price support operation on MSP makes the procurement when the price of oilseeds falls below the Minimum Support Price.

Statement-I

PRESENT CROP WISE TOTAL AREA UNDER OILSEEDS CULTIVATION (in '000 ha.)

S.No. Crop Area during 1999-2000

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| 1. Groundnut | 6952.0 |
| 2. Castor | 795.0 |
| 3. Niger Seed | 512.0 |
| 4. Sesamum | 1612.0 |
| 5. Rapeseed & Mustard | 6106.0 |
| 6. Linseed | 781.0 |
| 7 Sunflower | 1532.0 |
| 8. Safflower | 507.0 |
| 9. Soyabean | 6023.0 |
| 10. Total Oilseeds | 24820.0 |

Statement-II

PRESENT STATE-WISE AREA UNDER COCONUT CULTIVATION

S.No. State/UT Area (`000 ha.)

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Andhra Pradesh | 98.2 |
| 2. Assam | 19.7 |
| 3. Goa | 24.9 |
| 4. Karnataka | 287.8 |
| 5. Kerala | 1078.2 |
| 6. Maharashtra | 15.1 |
| 7 Orissa | 54.5 |
| 8. Tamilnadu | 266.5 |
| 9. Tripura | 9.1 |
| 10. West Bengal | 24.6 |
| 11. A&N Island | 24.7 |
| 12. Lakshadweep | 2.8 |
| 13. Pondicherry | 2.1 |

All India 1908.2

Note - Coconut is not grown to any appreciable extent in other States/ Union Territories not mentioned above.

Statement III

PRESENT AREA COVERED UNDER OIL PALM (In ha.)

S.No. Name of the State Net area

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Andhra Pradesh | 24,128 |
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| 2. | Karnataka | 5,339 |
| 3. | Tamilnadu | 4,202 |
| 4. | Gujarat | 233 |
| 5. | Orissa | 1,484 |
| 6. | Goa | 684 |
| 7 | Tripura | 98 |
| 8. | Assam | 10 |
| 9. | West Bengal | |
| 10. | Kerala | 3,665 |
| 11. | Maharashtra | 1,000 |
| 12. | Andaman & NicobarIsland | 1,593 |
| Total | | 42,436 |

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PALM OIL

Large part of Oil Palm plantation is in gestation period.
 Estimated production of Palm Oil during recent years is given below:

| Year | Quantity (Metric tonnes) |
|------|--------------------------|
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| 1997-98 | 11509 |
| 1998-99 | 27830 |
| 1999-2000 | 27600 |