

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5976  
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DIVERSION OF CULTIVATION FROM WHEAT TO OILSEED  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any representation has been received by the Government to provide incentives to farmers to switch over to cultivation of oilseeds from wheat and other foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether any agreement between the Agricultural Ministry and Public Distribution Ministry has been considered for such diversion;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it has been suggested that the amount of Rs.400 crore should be generated by imposing an Oilseed Development Fund levy of Rs. 1000 per tonne on import of crude oil and Rs.3000 on import of refined oil; and
- (f) if so, the extent to which the farmers have agreed for switching over to oilseeds from wheat and other foodgrains?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): No representation has been received from the State Governments nor there is any such proposal to provide incentives to farmers for diversion of cultivation from wheat and other food grains to oilseeds.
- (c) & (d): There is no agreement between the Agriculture Ministry and the Public Distribution Ministry for such diversion.
- (e) & (f): Question does not arise.