

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3580  
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DECLINING OF OILSEEDS PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a sharp decline in oilseeds production during the Ninth Plan period has resulted in increasing export of edible oil;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether centrally sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP) failed to have any impact on production of oilseeds;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (e) the efforts made or being made by the Government to encourage the farmers to opt for more oilseeds production in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Question does not arise.
- (c): No, Sir. The decline in oilseeds production during last three years was mainly due to drought conditions prevailing in the major oilseeds growing states of the country.
- (d): Question does not arise.
- (e): A Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP) are in implementation in various states of the country to increase the production of oilseeds. Under both these schemes financial assistance are provided on various critical inputs in order to motivate farmers to take up the cultivation of oilseeds on a large scale.