

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:613
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PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of production and actual requirement of oilseeds in the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether the actual production of oilseeds in the country is not sufficient to meet the growing demands;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to import genetically modified oilseeds;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to further boost the oilseeds production in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 613 DUE FOR REPLY ON 9TH MAY, 2005.

(a) to (d): The production of oilseeds and projected requirement of oilseeds in the country during the last three years are as under:

(Quantity: Million Tonnes)

Year Domestic Production Projected Requirement

2001-02	20.66	35.07
2002-03	15.06	36.75
2003-04	25.29	38.52

The domestic production of oilseeds is not sufficient to meet the demand. The gap between demand and supply is met through import of edible oils/oilseeds.

(e): In view of the gap between production and demand, special thrust is being given towards increasing the production of oilseeds. Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM) during the 10th Five Year Plan. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of Rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes including an awareness campaign to encourage farmers to grow oilseeds. In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Research Institutions. The Government of India is also announcing a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for major oilseed crops every year on the basis of recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) to provide remunerative prices to oilseeds growers. Whenever market prices of these crops fall below the MSPs, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), as Central Nodal Agency, undertakes procurement of oilseeds under Price Support Scheme (PSS) within the country.