

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:270

ANSWERED ON:12.12.2005

MUSTARD OIL

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the demand and production of mustard oil registered in the country during the last three years and thereafter, year-wise;
- (b) the quantum of mustard oil imported during the said period;
- (c) whether the demand for mustard oil has been increasing over the years;
- (d) if so, whether there has been a steep rise in the price of mustard oil in the country during the last six months;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of mustard oil at controlled price to below poverty line families?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 270 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 12.12.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): The details regarding estimated production, import and demand of mustard oil registered in the country during the last three years are as under:-

(in lakh tonnes)

Oil Year	Domestic Production of Mustard Oil	Import of Mustard Oil	Demand# of Mustard Oil
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2002-2003	12.03	-	12.03
2003-2004	19.21	0.00024	19.21
2004-2005	25.90	0.00019	25.90

= Demand of mustard oil has been estimated on the basis of domestic production plus imports.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): No, Sir.

(e) & (f): Do not arise.