

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

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PRODUCTION OF PALM OIL  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the cost of production of Palm oil in the country at present;
- (b) the production of Palm oil in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the quantum of palm oil imported during the last three years, year-wise;
- (d) the steps, the Government is taking to increase production with a view to become self-sufficient; and
- (e) the contribution being made by the agricultural scientists in this direction?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH )

- (a): The cost of Palm Oil varies as it depends upon market fluctuations.
- (b): The estimated production of Palm Oil in the country is 50,000 MT, annually, for the last couple of years. State-wise data regarding production of Palm Oil is not maintained.
- (c): The quantum of Palm Oil imported during the last three years is as under:

(Quantity in Lakh MT)

Year (April-March)    Crude Palm Oil    Refined Palm Oil

2001-2002	1.73	1.01
2002-2003	2.69	3.61
2003-2004	2.85	1.18

(d): Some of the steps taken by the Government to enhance production of oilseeds/edible oils in the country are:-

(i) A Technology Mission on Oilseeds is in place to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds in the country.

(ii) Increasing the areas under non-traditional oilseeds crops, like tree borne oil seeds, rice barn oil etc. to increase availability of edible oils.

(iii) Assistance for Oil Palm development.

(iv) Better incentives to producers through fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) .

(v) Use of indigenous oils in the manufacture of Vanaspati upto the level of 12% production has been made mandatory.

(e): In order to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds/edible oil in the country and to make the country self reliant in the production of oilseeds/edible oils, Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds growing States. Under this 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, water carrying pipes, publicity, etc. 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 Front Line Demonstrations through ICAR.