

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

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

- (a) whether only a fraction of the total installed capacity for production of edible oil in the country is being utilised;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the total installed capacity and its utilisation in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;and
- (c) the steps taken for optimum utilisation of the installed production capacity?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): The capacity utilization of edible oil industry in the country is about 35%. The details of installed capacity and capacity utilization are annexed.

(c): The production and utilization of the installed capacity is based on demand and supply which varies from time to time. At present the import duty on crude edible oil is zero which encourages the industry to process crude edible oils for optimum utilization of the installed capacity. The industry also processes oilseeds procured from domestic market.