

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:147

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PRICE OF EDIBLE OIL

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

- (a) whether the price of edible oil registered a steep rise during the last three months of the current financial year due to increased demand/consumption;
- (b) if so, whether any estimate of increase in consumption of edible oils has been made in the country for the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the production and supply gap of edible oil has widened in the domestic and international market;
- (e) if so, the details thereof indicating the annual requirement of edible oils in lakh tonnes in the country; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to make adequate quantity of edible oils available in the country?

Answer

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

(a): No Madam.

(b)&(c): Does not arise.

(d): Yes Madam.

(e): The details are given in Annexure I

(f): The steps which have been taken by the Government to increase the domestic availability of edible oils are given in Annexure I.