

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:403  
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CRUSHING OF OILSEEDS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether huge quantity of oil seeds are lying uncrushed resulting in huge losses to the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether any representation has been received from Solvent Extractors Association of India in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): Representations from Solvent Extractors Association of India received in April and June 2010 indicated higher estimates of uncrushed oilseeds in the Country as under:-

Date	Estimated uncrushed oilseeds (in lakh tons)
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01-04-2010	185
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01-06-2010	125
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However, no report has been received on losses to farmers.

These higher stocks were reportedly due to low international demand for oilmeals. However, as per the information received from the Solvent Extractors Association of India on 22-07-2010, the uncrushed stocks of oilseeds as on 01-07-2010 were only about 16% higher than those on 01-07-2009. Crushing of oilseeds is in progress.