

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

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EDIBLE OIL

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

- (a) whether the consumption/demand of edible oil in the country is in excess of its production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor indicating the production, import, availability and demand of edible oil during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government regarding demand and supply of edible oil;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to improve production and availability of edible oil in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Domestic production of edible oils is much lower than their consumption/ demand in the country. As a result, about half of the demand is met through imports.

Estimated domestic production of oilseeds, availability of edible oils and import of edible oils during last three years and current year are as follows:

(in lakh tons)

Oil-Year	Production of oilseeds (Nov.-Oct.)	Domestic availability of edible oils (domestic and imported)	Import of edible oils	Total availability of edible oils
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2007-08	297.56	86.54	56.08	142.62
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2008-09	277.19	84.56	81.82	166.39
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2009-10	248.83	79.46	88.23	167.69
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2010-11 (Nov.-Jan.)	278.48	86.76	20.74	-
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(c) & (d): National Sample Survey on consumer expenditure conducted periodically includes estimation of consumption of edible oils. Projections for demand of edible oilseeds in the country during 2007-08 to 2011-12 were made by Working Group constituted by Planning Commission. This group also considered results of 55th round of NSS (1999-2000). Based on behaviouristic approach, annual requirement of edible oils in the country calculated from projections of oilseeds as estimated by this Group was as given below :

(in lakh tons)

Year Demand for oilseeds Demand for edible oils

2007-08 455.6 127.57

2008-09 474.3 132.80

2009-10 493.5 138.18

2010-11 513.4 143.75

2011-12 533.9 149.49

However, the actual demand of edible oils seems higher than these estimates made in 2006.

(e) The Government has taken various steps to improve production and availability of oilseeds /edible oils in the country such as these:

(i) A centrally sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) is being implemented in 14 major oilseeds growing States and 9 oil palm growing states to increase production. Under this Scheme as well as Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), assistance is provided for improving agronomic practices.

(ii) Extension work is being taken up for propagation of improved production and pest management technologies.

(iii) A new sub-scheme has been introduced during 2010-11 under RKVY as a special initiative for pulses and oilseeds for organizing sixty thousand pulses and oilseeds villages in rainfed areas.

(iv) Imports of edible oils have been facilitated through liberal import duty structure.