

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2436  
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IMPORT OF EDIBLE OIL  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken any decision to import one million tonnes of edible oil for distribution through the Public Distribution System at subsidized rates to the poor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the price at which it was distributed; and
- (c) the time since when the said distribution has started and the total quantum of edible oil distributed through Public Distribution System till date?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government had decided to import one million tons of edible oils under the scheme for distribution of subsidized imported edible oils through State/UT Governments during the year 2008-09 with a central subsidy of Rs 15 per Kg for distribution to ration card holders. This scheme was extended during 2009-10 and 2010-11. During the current year 2011-12 the Government has extended the scheme up to 30-09-11 for import of 5 lakh tons of edible oils. Details of sale prices of edible oils distributed by various State/UT's under the scheme are annexed.

(c): The scheme commenced in August 2008. The quantities of imported edible oils distributed by State/UT Governments are as follows:

| Year | Quantity of edible oil<br>distributed (Lakh tons) |
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| 2008-09           | 2.69  |
| 2009-10 & 2010-11 | 6.13  |
| 2011-12           | 0.625 |
| (up to 05.8.2011) |       |