

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2788  
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CAPACITY UTILISATION BY OIL UNITS  
Singh Shri Pashupati Nath

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

(a) whether the units/factories engaged in production of edible oil are unable to utilise their production capacity optimally due to shortage of oilseeds; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to ensure maximum utilisation of the capacity of these companies?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. In order to meet the domestic demand of edible oils in the country and to ensure maximum utilization of capacity of edible oil units, import of edible oils has been facilitated by reducing import duty on crude and refined oils to zero and 75% respectively. Government has allowed import of edible oils under Open General Licence (OGL). The industrial units are free to import crude or refined oils and do value addition for better capacity utilization.