

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

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IMPORT OF PULSES AND VEGETABLE OILS

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

- (a) whether the import of pulses and vegetable oils have shown a rising trend in the recent months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the agencies involved therein indicating the quantum of the said commodities imported and the foreign exchange spent thereon during the last six months, pulse-wise and oil-wise;
- (c) the percentage share of imports in the total consumption of the said commodities during each of the last five years; and
- (d) the steps taken to improve production and domestic availability of the said commodities along with the success achieved therein?

Answer

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

(a) : The import of pulses and vegetable oils in the recent months have been showing a fluctuating trend, as per the month-wise DGCI&S data given at Annexure 1.

(b) & (c) : Information is being collected.

(d) : The steps taken by the Government to improve the production and domestic availability of pulses and edible oils are given in Annexure II. As compared to the earlier relatively stagnant levels of production of pulses, it increased to 18.24 million tonnes in 2010-11, 17.09 million tonnes in 2011-12 and is estimated to be 17.58 million tonnes in 2012-13. In respect of oilseeds, there was significant production of 32.47 million tonnes in 2010-11, 29.79 million tonnes in 2011-12 and is estimated to be 29.46 million tonnes in 2012-13, as per the Second Advance estimates released by Ministry of Agriculture dated <8.2.2013.