

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SOYABEAN PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which soyabean products is being utilised in the country;
- (b) whether any complaint has been received regarding the procedure being followed for the production of various food products consisting soyabean;
- (c) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) Soybean is cultivated in India mainly for edible oil extracted using the Solvent Extraction process. De-oiled cake is mostly exported for feed. Some portion of the cake is used for producing defatted soy flour, soy nuggets, ingredients in bakery products and enrichment of cereal flour with proteins. Soybean is also utilised for direct food uses through products such as soy milk, soy milk powder, soy paneer (tofu), soy nuts etc. These products are commercially available.

(b) No, Madam. No complaints have been received regarding the procedure being followed for the production of various food products mentioned above using soybean. However soybean contains some anti-nutrients and hence entrepreneurs and consumers are trained and advised to carry out proper processing of soybean prior to adopting it for food uses.

A Nagpur based organisation, Academy of Nutrition Improvement (ANI) has been issuing statements in the print media against food uses of soybean. This organisation has also been sending written complaints to various authorities against the food uses of soybean, while the organisation itself is producing food products from soybean on a commercial scale.

- (c) The question does not arise.
- (d) Not applicable.