

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to import more palm oil during the current year as compared to the previous years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantity of palm oil imported during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) whether the said palm oil has been sold through trading in the open market and if so, the amount of profit earned by the Government agencies therein?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Edible oil was imported under subsidized edible oil scheme for distribution by States/UTs through Public Distribution System (PDS) with a central subsidy of Rs.15/- per litre in the past. The Scheme ended on 30.09.2013. The details of RBD (Refined, Bleached and Deodorised) palmolein oil imported under the scheme during the last three years and the current year is given below:-

(Qty. in tons)

2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 (April-Sept. 13)

426341 503490 424397 200757

(c) No, Madam, RBD palmolein oil was imported for supply through PDS only and has not been sold in the open market.