

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:682
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PURCHASE OF OILSEEDS AT MSP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of oilseeds produced in Karnataka during the last three years, oilseed-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the oilseeds covered under the Minimum Support Price (MSP);
- (c) whether the oilseeds were fully purchased by the Food Corporation of India at MSP;
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the quantities purchased in relation to the production thereof;
- (e) whether there were complaints of short purchase, delayed purchase which compelled the farmer to go for distress sale at a loss; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The quantities of oilseeds produced in Karnataka during the last three years i.e. 2006-07 to 2008-09 are given below:-

Oilseed Production (`000 Tonnes)
2006-07 2007-08 2008-09

Groundnut 379.0 733.0 530.4

Castorseed 16.0 16.0 18.0

Sesamum 48.0 48.0 32.0

R&M 1.0 1.0 1.0

Linseed 4.0 5.0 5.0

Safflower 61.0 57.0 55.0

Sunflower 517.0 586.0 488.0

Soyabean 94.0 97.0 90.0

4th Advance Estimates

(b): Oilseeds covered under Minimum Support Price (MSP) are Groundnut in shell, Rapeseed/Mustard, Sunflower seed, Soyabean, Safflower, Toria, Sesamum and Nigerseed. Government also announces MSP for Milling and Ball Copra.

(c) & (d): The procurement of oilseeds is done by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) Ltd. During the last three years, NAFED undertook procurement of the following quantities of various oilseeds under Price Support Scheme:

Oilseed Quantity Procured (in Metric Tonnes)
2006-07 2007-08 2008-09

Ball Copra 13355 5645 174

Sunflower seed - - 4204

Safflower 11531 - -

(e): As per reports from NAFED, there were no complaints relating to short purchase/delayed purchase which compelled farmers for distress sale/sale at loss.

(f): Does not arise.