

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF OIL SEEDS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan/proposal to import oil seeds to meet country's demand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the likely impact of such import on domestic market in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Decisions on importing agricultural products including oilseeds are taken by the Government keeping in view several factors viz. domestic demand and production, domestic and international prices, likely effect on the domestic producers and consumers etc. Currently, Department of Commerce has no plan of importing oilseeds. However, Import Policy for oilseeds (other than that of seed quality and copra) classified under Chapter 12 of ITC HS Code list is 'free' subject to conditions prescribed in the Exim Policy and payment of custom tariff at applicable rates.

(b) & (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.