

The court subsequently, acquitted 14 of the 16 Indian nationals on verification of these documents.

Supply of Edible Oils

1180. SHRI RAVI SITARAM NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of various edible oils released by the National Dairy Development Board during each of the last three years;

(b) whether there is a sharp cutdown in the supply of these oils recently leading to acute shortage of edible oils in the market;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the supply of these oils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL):
(a) A statement is attached.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) In view of (b) above question does not arise.

Statement

The total quantity of various Dhara edible oils sold by the NDDB during the last three year

(Figures in Metric Tonnes)

Oil Type	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99(**)
Double filtered Groundnut oil	15415	18294	13231
Refined Groundnut Oil	96	01	0
Double filtered mustard Oil	14718	16733	13402
Refined Vegetable Oil	26857	33550	32355
Refined Cotton Seed Oil	969	711	557
Refined Sunflower Oil	4867	9555	10133
Refined Soya Oil	365	1799	461
Kucchi Ghani mustard oil	0	1721	1405
Lok Dhara	818	315	238
Total in (MT)	64105	82679	71782(**)

(**) Upto 31st January, 1999.