

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 21.04.2010
ANSWERED ON
ASSESSMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF EDIBLE OIL .

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Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government has assessed the availability of edible oil for the consumption in the country;
- (b) if so, whether proper storage are there or not;
- (c) if not, whether Government have any plan to import edible oil from other countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) : It is estimated that India has produced about 64 lac tons of edible oils in 2009-10 for which proper storage is available in the country.

(c-d): It is estimated that the consumption of edible oils during the period of 2009-10 is about 154 lac tons. The shortfall has been met by the import of edible oils. The import is being done by the PSUs as well as the private sector. To ensure the availability of edible oils at reasonable rates the Government as of now has permitted to import crude edible oils at zero percent import duty.