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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1780
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/08/2023

PLAN TO ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY OF EDIBLE OIL

1780#. SHRI RAMBHAI HARJIBHAI MOKARIYA:

Will the Minister of **AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to reduce dependence on import of edible oils;
- (b) if so, whether there is any plan to increase productivity in the edible oil sector;
- (c) if so, whether any special program is being run by Government to increase productivity in the edible oils sector;
- (d) whether any plan has been formulated to increase production of edible oils under such scheme in Gujarat; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NAREDNRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. National Food Security Mission- Oilseeds (NFSM-OS) is being implemented by the Government of India from 2018-19 to augment the availability of edible oils and reduce the import burden by increasing the production and productivity of oilseeds (Groundnut, Soybean, Rapeseed & Mustard, Sunflower, Safflower, Sesame, Niger, Linseed and Castor) and area expansion of Oil Palm & Tree Borne Oilseeds (Olive, Mahua, Kokum, Wild Apricot, Neem, Jojoba, Karanja, Simaroba, Tung, Cheura and Jatropha) in the country. The scheme comprises of three sub-missions namely, NFSM-Oilseeds, NFSM-Oil Palm and NFSM- Tree Borne Oilseeds.

Moreover, During the year 2021-22, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) has been launched to promote oil palm cultivation for making the country Atmanirbhar in edible oils with special focus on North Eastern States and Andaman & Nicobar by increasing area of Oil Palm from 3.70 lakh hectares to 10.00 lakh hectares in 2025-26. This scheme is being implemented in 15 States/UTs during 2022-23.

Under NFSM-OS, Government of India has also been implementing some special programmes namely Special Programme on Rapeseed & Mustard for distribution of latest high yielding varieties seeds, distribution of seed minikits of hybrid mustard seeds, Rapid Soybean Seed Multiplication Plan (3S1Y) and a special project to increase area and production of sunflower cultivation in the country through hybrid seed production and demonstration for three years from 2022-23 to 2024-25. In addition, Government has also approved an Annual Action Plan for area expansion of Sunflower in Paddy Fallows during 2022-23.

(d) & (e): The National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Oilseeds is being implemented by Government of India from the year 2018-19 in 28 States/UTs, including, Gujarat and assistance is being provided in all 33 districts of Gujarat.
