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SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN EDIBLE OIL PRODUCTION

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

- (a) the reason behind the continuous rise in the price of edible oil across the country;
- (b) the per capita consumption of edible oil in the country in the last five years;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government's reliance on the imports of edible oil has increased in the last five years, if so, the data for the last five years; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to increase the domestic production of edible oil in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR)

(a): Domestic prices of edible oils, are mainly influenced by factors such as demand and supply, trade policies, import duties & taxes, international prices etc. As per latest wholesale price data, the market price of edible oil has shown an increasing trend over the corresponding period of previous year.

(b) & (c): As per the information received from Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, the detail of per capita consumption of edible oil and import of edible oils for last five years are given below:

Year (Nov. - Oct.)	Per Capita Consumption (Kg/Annum)	Imports of Edible Oils (LMT)
2019-20	19.8	134.16
2020-21	19.7	134.52
2021-22	21.0	141.93
2022-23	23.5	165.00
2023-24	21.8	156.55

(d): The National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-OS) has been initiated for a seven-year period, from 2024-25 to 2030-31 to achieve self-sufficiency in edible oil production. NMEO-Oilseeds focuses on increasing production of key primary oilseed crops such as Rapeseed-Mustard, Groundnut, Soybean, Sunflower, and Sesamum, as well as increasing collection and extraction efficiency from secondary sources. The mission targets increasing primary oilseed production from 39 million tonnes (2022-23) to 69.7 million tonnes by 2030-31. Together with National Mission on Edible Oils- Oil Palm (NMEO-OP), targets domestic edible oil production at 25.45 million tonnes by 2030-31.

The Mission specifically focuses on small and marginal farmers to improve their oilseed crop yields through initiatives such as Frontline Demonstrations (FLDs), Cluster Frontline Demonstrations (CFLDs) and Block-Level Demonstrations (BLDs), thereby exposing farmers to good agricultural practices and access to essential production inputs.
