

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 998  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2025**

**EDIBLE OILS**

998 **SHRI RAVI CHANDRA VADDIRAJU:**

Will the Minister of *Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the present processing and refining capacity for edible oils in the country;
- (b) if so, whether any gaps have been noticed that may be contributing to high import dependence; and
- (c) the steps proposed to improve domestic production, processing and overall self-sufficiency in edible oils?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
**(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)**

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- (a): Yes, a portal namely [www.edibleoilindia.in](http://www.edibleoilindia.in) under VOPPA order 2025 (Vegetable Oil Products Production and Availability (Regulation) Amendment Order, 2025) is in place to assess processing and refining capacity for edible oils.
- (b) The following gaps have been noticed:
  - i) domestic production of oilseeds is insufficient to meet the domestic demand.
  - ii) domestic demand for edible oils has been rising at a rate faster than domestic production, owing mainly to population growth and improved living standards.
  - iii) the shortfall currently around 56 percent is met through imports.
- (c): The Government has approved the National Mission on Edible Oils - Oilseeds (NMEO - OS), on 3rd October, 2024 to boost domestic oilseed production and to strive towards self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat) in edible oils in the country. The Scheme is being implemented in 29 States /UTs by D/o Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Under the Mission, over 600 Value Chain Clusters have been identified across the country, collectively covering more than 10 lakh hectares annually. These clusters are managed by Value Chain Partners (VCPs), including Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and cooperatives. Under the value chain clusters, farmers are getting free certified seeds of less than five years old varieties, training in Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and advisory services on weather & pest managements.

In addition, the Mission supports FPOs and cooperatives in establishing or upgrading post-harvest units. This enhances the recovery of valuable products from secondary sources such as cottonseed, rice bran, corn oil, and Tree-Borne Oils (TBOs), contributing to sustainable agricultural practices and better income generation for farmers. Furthermore, the Mission will promote awareness of recommended dietary guidelines for edible oils through an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign.

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