

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 783**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016**

**IMPORT OF EDIBLE OILS**

**783. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री ) be pleased to state:

- the details of edible oil imports into the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and variety-wise;
- the details of import bill of edible oils during the said period;
- the reaction of the Government to the clearance given by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) to three varieties of GM Mustard and also terming them as 'safe'; and
- whether safety data has been released to the general public to actually know how safe it is and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b) The quantity and value (import bill) of import of edible oil into the country during the last three years and the current year are as follows:

Years	Quantity (in Millions Tonnes)	Value (US\$ Millions)
2013-14	10.5	9389.7
2014-15	12.7	10621.5
2015-16	15.6	10492.1
2016-17 (Apr to Aug)*	5.6	4207.6

*Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (\* Provisional)*

The details of variety-wise edible oil imports into the country during last three years and current year is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

(c) The Government has not given any clearance for commercial cultivation of GM Mustard till now.

(d) The Sub-Committee constituted by Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) for review of bio safety dossier submitted by Centre for Genetic Manipulation and Crop Plants (CGMCP), University of Delhi, South Campus, has prepared an Assessment of Food and Environmental Safety (AFES) document. It was placed on [Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change](#) (MoEF&CC) website for a period of 30 days from 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 to 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 for inviting public comments.

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Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 783 for answer on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016.

Variety-wise Import of edible oil during 2013-14 to 2016-17(April to August)\*

Item description	2013-14		2014-15	
	Quantity (KG)	Value (US \$)	Quantity (KG)	Value(US \$)
Soya bean crude oil w/n degummed	1345133000	1366409794	2317045159	2113431933
Soya bean oil of edible grade	2227	8576	5421	17414
Olive oil virgin	1689026	7040804	1962426	7611420
Olive oil and its fractions (excluding vrgn)of edible grade	6060589	24183649	6564924	26929532
Other crude oil not chemically modified obtained from olives				
Other oil (excluding crude oil) of edible grade not chemically modified from olives	901282	1990903	3259334	6499494
Crude palm oil and its fractions	5134890527	4348244664	6970994605	5409005540
Refined bleached deodrsed palm oil	24460000	19506836	9364690	6485162
Refined blchd deodrsed palmolein	2524901767	2140802927	1181072345	949584943
Other refined palm oil	57310	99715	3090922	2042563
Sunflower seed oil crude	1075397651	1137359594	1712439775	1565309115
Safflower seed oil(kardi seed crude oil)	10231100	16959080	9799075	17036411
Sunflower oil edible grade	162427	267769	112818	173718
Coconut (copra) crude oil and fractions			6205341	7908955
Coconut (copra) refined oil and fractions	1645569	1497766	3467909	5067045
Crude palm kernel oil	260074688	237563124	191837714	214491728
Curde babassu oil			2000005	1943289
Refined palm kernel oil and its fractions	1647000	1633245	231000	305817
Crude rape oil	53203000	53186890	277760000	251331074
Refined colza oil of edible grade	151540	214775	21370	24154
Refined rapeseed oil of edible grade	83510	120453	3630991	3840535
Crude mustard oil	142000	128859	465830	408644
Crude rape seed oil	15600289	16108019	24058329	21458480
Refined rapeseed oil edible grade	33163	55367	55200	67294
Other linseed oil of edible grade			20380	29980
Crude maize(corn) oil and its fractions				
Other maize (corn) oil of edible grade	3260	7656	1415	4784
Crude sesame oil and its fractions	5157997	7529678	2839997	3996766
Sesame oil and its fractions other than crude of edible grade	34305	165933	60835	219820
Other fxd veg. oils of edible grade	66225	488544	43238	566951
Cotton seed oil of edible grade	704	4014	16066	155998
Other veg. fats and oils and the frctns of edible grade	5136129	7249585	3107152	5340143
Linseed oil of edible grade	50	1463		
Other vegetable oil and its fats of edible grade	436568	909232	62736	193623
<b>Total</b>	<b>10467302903</b>	<b>9389738914</b>	<b>12731597002</b>	<b>10621482325</b>

Item description	2015-16		2016-17 (APR TO AUG)*	
	Quantity (KG)	Value (US \$)	Quantity (KG)	Value(US \$)

Soya bean crude oil w/n degummed	3964009513	2952779179	1615515780	1247064378
Soya bean oil of edible grade	21788	78128	17695	71807
Olive oil virgin	1623047	7263049	881777	3832516
Olive oil and its fractns (excluding vrgn)of edible grade	6490179	26904979	3207833	11752772
Other crude oil not chmclly mdfd obtnd from olives			503000	492636
Other oil (exclude crude oil) of edible grade not chmclly modify fr olives	2178494	4958043	703670	1506686
Crude palm oil and its fractns	7112059345	4200080522	1994485608	1380497010
Refined bleached deodrseed palm oil	1819002	1823526	423834	382639
Refined blchd deodrseed palmolein	2569112472	1584872125	1197276499	848271954
Other refined palm oil	660620	347032	7710	22074
Sunflower seed oil crude	1485995873	1272406957	598278000	513942612
Safflower seed oil(kardi seed crude oil)	6931340	12357692	12456215	16865891
Sunflower oil edible grade	82629	162604	67559	92320
Coconut (copra) crude oil and fractions	2415000	2855234		
Coconut (copra) refined oil and fractions	2759814	3495559	403	1063
Crude palm kernel oil	170724927	156859298	20513420	26188297
Curde babassu oil				
Refnd palm kernel oil and its fractns	2931080	2742971		
Crude rape oil	266086000	217188764	180817000	144568706
Refnd colza oil of edible grade				
Refnd rapeseed oil of edible grade	19647287	17159750	470519	495298
Crude mustard oil	200950	167290		
Crude rape seed oil	22961172	20582596	9205000	8102352
Refnd rapeseed oil edible grade	68990	102593	4180	6642
Other linseed oil of edible grade	1121190	1027561	550000	553939
Crude maize(corn) oil and its fractions	160000	84782		
Other maize (corn) oil of edible grade	1254	1955		
Crude sesame oil and its fractions	378620	508241	241000	236126
Sesame oil and its fractions other than crude of edible grade	59354	237220	300	1114
Other fxd veg. oils of edible grade	1727164	2370769	19355	296971
Cotton seed oil of edible grade	12282	107866	499	4309
Other veg. fats and oils and the frctns of edible grade	1459826	2403966	1595270	2318008
Linseed oil of edible grade				
Other vegetable oil and its fats of edible grade	32585	147939	10800	31735
<b>Total</b>	<b>15643731797</b>	<b>10492078190</b>	<b>5637252926</b>	<b>4207599855</b>

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