

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2505
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND JANUARY, 2018

OILSEEDS PRODUCTION

2505. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE **†ãðŠãäÓã** एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããè be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the production and acreage of major oilseeds in the country during the last year and the current year;
- (b) whether the country produced only 30% of its requirement of edible oils in 2016-17 and if so, the reasons for farmers not being able to grow more edible oilseeds in a mission mode by offering higher prices and other incentives;
- (c) whether it is a fact that presently farmers get 20% less than the Minimum Support Price in the open market and if so, the reasons for this wide difference between the Minimum Support Price for oilseeds and the market price;
- (d) whether the Government is considering an alternate incentive scheme to help farmers grow more oilseeds in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any specific scheme has been taken up to encourage farmers to grow more oilseeds in rainfed and upland areas of the country including agri-climate zones like Prakasham and Guntur districts of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

†ãðŠãäÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããÈã¼ã ½ãñâ Àã¾ã ½ãâ¨ããè (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- (a): The details of production and acreage of oilseeds in the country during last and current years are given below:

Area: Lakh hectare
Production: Lakh tonnes

Crops	2016-17*		2017-18**	
	Acreage	Production	Acreage	Production
Soybean	113.16	137.94	105.59	122.16
Rapeseed-Mustard	60.24	79.77	-	-
Groundnut	53.11	75.65	41.91	62.13
Sesame	17.14	7.84	14.88	6.64
Castorseed	8.30	14.21	7.59	13.96
Sunflower	3.44	2.41	1.59	0.88
Linseed	2.94	1.54	-	-
Nigerseed	2.53	0.83	2.67	1.02
Safflower	1.20	0.78	-	-
Total	262.06	320.97	174.24	206.79

* 4th Advance Estimates of DES

** 1st Advance Estimates of DES

(b): India produced 10.1 million tonnes of edible oils including 7.31 million tonnes from primary sources and 3.44 million tonnes from secondary sources, which comes to about 40% of the total requirement of edible oils during 2016-17. Oilseed crops are largely grown under rainfed conditions (more than 70%) and are more prone to pests & diseases and climatic changes. These crops are grown with minimum inputs due to high risk and poor resource base of small and marginal farmers in rainfed areas. In order to increase production and yield of oilseeds and area expansion of oil palm, National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) is under implementation since 2014-15.

(c) & (d): Government of India is implementing Price Support Scheme (PSS) for procurement of oilseeds, pulses and cotton through Central Nodal Agencies at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). This scheme is implemented at the request of the concerned State Government.

Under the PSS, procurement limit has been enhanced from existing 25% to 40% of estimated production. The objectives of PSS are to provide remunerative prices to the growers for their produce with a view to encourage higher investment and production and to safeguard the interest of consumers by making available supplies at reasonable prices with low cost of intermediation. During 2017-18, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) procured 744180.09 metric tonnes of oilseeds at MSP under PSS as on 20.12.2017.

(e): Government is implementing a special programme on Targeting Rice Fallow Area (TRFA) in the six eastern states namely Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, and West Bengal to bring additional area of 1.5 million hectares under oilseeds and pulses during 2017-18. Another initiative has been taken to replace 1.92 lakh hectares by oilseeds and pulses in wheat blast affected area of West during 2017-18.

In Prakasam and Guntur districts of Andhra Pradesh, oilseed crops are being promoted mainly under rainfed and upland areas. The farmers are benefited through cluster demonstrations of oilseeds, adopting water conservation furrows and inter

cropping with red gram. Distribution of oilseed minikits of new varieties for increasing production are being taken up.
