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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3993**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

**PRODUCTION AND AVAILABILITY OF ESSENTIAL FOOD ITEMS**

3993. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of production of edible oils, foodgrains and pulses in the country;
- (b) the supply and demand gap of edible oils, foodgrains and pulses in the country; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken several measures to increase the production and ensure adequate availability of such produces in the country and if so, the outcome thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The details of production of edible oils, foodgrains and pulses in the country, as per Second Advance Estimates for 2017-18 is as under:

Crops	Production (million tonnes)
Oilseeds	29.88
Foodgrains	277.49
Pulses	23.95

(b): There are no official estimates available for supply and demand gap of edible oils, foodgrains and pulses in the country for the current year. However, as per Twelfth Plan Working Group on Crop Husbandry, Demand and Supply Projections, Agriculture Inputs and Agricultural Statistics, the demand for edible oil/oilseeds, foodgrains and pulses during 2020-21 is projected at 71 million tonnes, 277 million tonnes and 25 million tonnes respectively.

(c): In order to increase the production and productivity of agricultural crops including oilseeds, foodgrains and pulses, Government implements various programmes/schemes viz Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission on Oil Seeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card etc.

As a result of various steps taken by the Government, record production of foodgrains (Including both cereals and pulses) is estimated in the country during 2017-18 as per the Second Advance Estimates. Production of oilseeds, foodgrains and pulses during 2017-18 is estimated at 29.88 million tonnes, 277.49 million tonnes and 23.95 million tonnes, respectively.

Further, Government facilitates imports of various agricultural commodities to augment their domestic availability.

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