

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1012
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2023**

IMPORT OF EDIBLE OIL

1012. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that India is importing nearly 70% of edible oil and pulses every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of measures taken by the Government to increase the domestic production of edible oil and pulses to reduce the import?

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(a) & (b): At present, India imports around 55% of its total demand of edible oils and around 8% of its total demand of pulses.

(c): To increase the domestic production of edible oils, the Government of India has taken following steps:

- The Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, National Food Security Mission- Oilseeds & Oil palm (NFSM-OS&OP) from 2018-19 to augment the availability of vegetable oils and to reduce the import of edible oils by increasing the production and productivity of oilseeds and area expansion of Oil Palm & Tree Borne Oilseeds in the country.

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- **The Government has launched a separate Mission for Oil Palm, which is the National Mission for Edible Oils (Oil Palm) - NMEO (OP) in 2021 to promote oil palm cultivation for making the country Aatma-nirbhar in edible oils with special focus on North-Eastern States and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. NMEO (OP) has been launched by targeting an additional 6.5 lakh hectare area from 2021-22 to 2025-26.**
- **Both NFSM- Oilseeds and NMEO (OP) are being implemented in the country with the objective of augmenting the availability of edible oils by increasing the production and productivity of oilseeds and oil palm and reducing the import burden.**

In case of pulses, following new initiatives have taken for increasing production and productivity of pulses in the country:

- **Strengthening of Breeder Seed production of pulses through ICAR.**
- **150 Seed Hubs are being implemented for increasing certified seeds of indigenous production of pulses in India through the Indian Institute of Pulses Research (IPR), Kanpur and their centres.**
- **Supplying of Seed Minikits of pulses not older than 10 years free of the cost (100% share) to the farmers.**
- **In addition to State Governments, the ICAR/KVKs/SAUs are also involved in conducting the demonstrations on improved package of practices of pulses.**
- **15% allocation is earmarked for pulses under NFSM for production of quality seeds through State Governments.**
