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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH NOVEMBER, 2019

INCREASING PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS AND EDIBLE OILS

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

- (a) whether any concrete steps are being taken by the Government for increasing the production of oilseeds and edible oils in order to avoid need for import of edible oils;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether even one tenth of the total area in the country is not used for farming/ cultivation of oilseeds; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government for promoting farming/ cultivation of oilseeds among farmers so that there is no need of importing edible oils?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) – Oilseeds and Oil Palm to increase production of oilseeds and domestic availability of edible oils.
- (b): The NFSM–(OS&OP) is under implementation in 29 States and has three sub-components namely, Oilseeds, Oil palm and Tree Borne Oilseeds (TBOs). The main objective is to increase oilseeds production & productivity and area expansion under oil palm & TBOs cultivation.

The oilseeds production which was 27.72 million tonnes in 2008-09 increased to 32.26 million tonnes in 2018-19 with productivity increase from 1006 to 1265 kg/ha. during this period.

The edible oil production in the country which was 6.34 million tonnes in 2008-09 increased to 10.44 million tonnes in 2018-19.

An area of 3.30 lakh ha has been covered under oil palm upto 2018-19.

- (c): More than 12 per cent of total cropped area in the country is used for cultivation of oilseeds.
- (d): To reduce import dependency, besides NFSM (OS&OP), Government of India is promoting pulses and oilseeds cultivation in rice fallow areas of six eastern states (Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal) since 2016-17 and from 2019-20, six more states (Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh) have been included to bring additional area and production of pulses and oilseeds.