

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2081
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th MARCH, 2020

IMPORT OF PALM OIL

2081. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:
SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

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

- (a) whether India is the world's biggest importer of edible oils, i.e., palmolein or palm oil, particularly importing from Malaysia;
- (b) whether the Government of Malaysia has recently curbed inbound shipments of palm oil to India;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the reasons for taking such a serious decision by the Government of Malaysia and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) the details of the total palm oil imports from Malaysia in each of the last three years;
- (f) whether the Government is making any alternative arrangements to import palm oil from other countries to avoid scarcity and to prevent price rise; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) and (e): India was the biggest importer of palm oil in the world and also the biggest importer of palm oil from Malaysia, as per the global trade data for the year 2018*.

The details of the total palm oil imports from Malaysia during last three years are as follows:

Year	Import (in USD million)
2017	1,480.64
2018	1,339.82
2019	2229.97

Source: DGCIS

*Source- ITC Trademap

(b) to (d) and (f) & (g): There has been no report of any restriction imposed by the Government of Malaysia on inbound shipments of palm oil to India.
There is no prohibition on import of palm oil from any country.
