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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1758 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st SEPTEMBER, 2020

IMPORT OF EDIBLE OILS

1758(H). SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of quantity of edible oils imported and exported during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to promote the production of edible oils to make India self-reliant; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): The details of quantity and value of edible oils imported and exported during the last three years and current year are given below:

	Import		Export	
Years	Quantity (Thousand Tonnes)	Value (US\$ Million)	Quantity (Thousand Tonnes)	Value (US\$ Million)
2017-18	15361.03	11637.48	37.11	87.83
2018-19	15019.31	9890.32	50.02	106.79
2019-20	14722.12	9672.88	85.29	170.09
2019-20 (Apr-Jul)	5017.51	3068.00	41.23	80.21
2020-21 (Apr-Jul)*	4433.65	3027.58	20.36	45.08

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata (*: Provisional)

(b) & (c): The Government is implementing the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) – Oil seeds & Oil Palm to increase the production and productivity of oil seed crops and area expansion of oil palm in the country with the objective to increase the edible oil production in the country and for the benefit of the farming community.

Under the Mission, various interventions are undertaken, such as improved seed replacement rate, increased seed production, large-scale demonstrations, supply of critical inputs, arrangement for life saving irrigation, mechanization inputs, postharvest management, promotion of oil seeds in rice fallow, non-traditional states, crop diversification and inter cropping. The mission is implemented through the state governments.

The area under oilseeds has increased from 26.09 million hectares in 2015-16 to 27.04 million hectares in 2019-20. The production of oilseeds has increased from 25.25 million tonnes in 2015-16 to 33.42 million tonnes in 2019-20.

Edible oil production was 8.63 million tonnes in 2015-16 and this has gone upto 10.53 million tonnes in 2019-20. The area under oil palm has increased from 3 lakh hectare in 2015-16 to 3.57 lakh hectare in 2019-20.
