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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.395
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd MARCH, 2021**

INCREASE IN PRICES OF EDIBLE OILS

†*395. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the prices of edible oils are constantly rising despite the efforts made by the Government;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make further efforts to reduce the prices of edible oils; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE
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SABHA.**

(a) & (b): Yes, sir. The domestic production of edible oils is not adequate to meet their demand in the country. The gap between demand and production of edible oils is met through imports. The prices of edible oils are rising internationally and since domestic production is inadequate, domestic prices of edible oils have risen during the last year. However, there is no commensurate increase in the domestic wholesale and retail prices of edible oils as compared with the international prices which have been ruling very high over the year.

(c) & (d): An Inter-Ministerial Committee on Agri Commodities chaired by Secretary (Food) and comprising of Secretaries of D/o Commerce, D/o Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, D/o Revenue, D/o Consumer Affairs and Directorate General of Foreign Trade is in place to closely monitor the duty structure of edible oils and other commodities in addition to their price and availability keeping in view the interests of farmer, industry and consumer.

To reduce the dependency on the import of edible oils through increase in production and productivity of oilseeds in the country, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, National Food Security Mission (Oilseeds and Oilpalm) has been implemented in the country with effect from 2018-19 by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare. This mission comprises of three sub-mission namely, NFSM-Oilseeds (25 States and 3 UTs), NFSM-Oilpalm (12 States) and NFSM-TBOs (7 States and 1 UTs) and it is being implemented through the State Department of Agriculture and Horticulture. A Special Programme on Rapeseed/Mustard has also been initiated in 10 States to increase the production.
