

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.491
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2021**

DATA ON EDIBLE OIL

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

- (a) the per capita availability and consumption of edible oil and pulses in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;**
- (b) whether the gap between demand and supply of pulses, edible oils and other such commodities has led to rising prices and further dependence on imports of these commodities and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of production, demand, import and prices of the aforesaid commodities during the last three years;**
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the domestic availability and to keep prices under control;**
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to supply the aforesaid commodities to the consumers at subsidized rates and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to cut down the imports from foreign countries and make the country self-reliant in pulses and edible oil?**

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(a): The per capita availability and consumption of edible oil and pulses in the country during each of the last three years and the current year is given below:

Year	Per Capita Consumption/Availability (Kg/Annum) Edible Oils	Per Capita Consumption/Availability (Kg/Annum) Pulses
2018-19	21.6	17.29
2019-20	19.8	18.31
2020-21	19.7	20.12
2021-22	-	-

(b): Domestic production of edible oils is unable to meet domestic demand. The gap between demand and supply of edible oils is around 56% and is met through imports. The production of domestic oilseeds has been stagnant since 2010-11. As oilseeds are cultivated on marginal land and largely dependent on rainfall, their production has been stagnant for the last couple of years. However, domestic demand for edible oils has been increasing at a pace faster than that of production due to growth in population and improvement in the living standards of people i.e 10 LMT per annum, hence domestic production is insufficient to meet the demand.

The government has undertaken several measures to mitigate rise in prices of essential commodities through adequate availability.

In order to ensure effective intervention for controlling prices, the Government maintains buffer stocks of pulses and onion under the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF). The stocks are utilised to send appropriate market signals, deter speculative/hoarding activities, and for regulated release to cool down their prices.

Further, the Government imposed stock limits on some pulses under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 in July 2021, which lapsed on 31st October, 2021, and has had a salutary effect in terms of softening of prices.