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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4518 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH MARCH, 2022

IMPORT OF PALM OIL

4518. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has allowed the import of refined palm oil without license for one more year till December, 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total quantity of palm oil imported from June, 2021 till date;
- (d) whether it is also true that free import was necessitated to contain the domestic edible oil prices; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

- (a) and (b): The Government vide notification No. 46/2015-2020 dated 20th December 2021 has extended the free import of Refined Palm Oils under ITC HS 15119010, 15119020 and 15119090 for a period up to 31.12.2022.
- (c): 62.84 LMT of palm oil was imported from June 2021 to 14th March 2022.
- (d) and (e): In order to improve the domestic availability and to keep prices of edible oils under control, the Government has allowed import of edible oils under Open General Licence (OGL).
