GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5302 TO BE ANSWERED ON 5^{TH} APRIL, 2022

PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of oilseeds in the country is very low during last three years and the current year thereby failing to cope with the rising demand for cooking oil by consumers and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether private and the Government agencies engaged in the business of soyabean and oilseeds have estimated less production of soyabean this year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is a possibility of increase in annual edible oil import bill due to less production of soyabean in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to encourage farmers to promote edible oilseed production?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NAREDNRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) The production of oilseeds in the country has been increased substantially during last three years from 31.52 million tonnes in 2018-19 to 37.15 million tonnes in 2021-22 (2nd Advance Estimates, Directorate of Economics and Statistics). Details of production of oilseeds during last three years and current year are as under:

Year	Production (Million Tonnes)
2018-19	31.52
2019-20	33.22
2020-21	35.95
2021-22*	37.15

^{* 2&}lt;sup>nd</sup> Advance Estimates, Directorate of Economics and Statistics.

- (b) to (d): The estimated production of soybean, as per 2nd Advance Estimates of Directorate of Economic and Statistics, is 13.12 million tonnes during 2021-22 compared to the production of 12.61 million tonnes during 2020-21.
- (e) The Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, National Food Security Mission- Oilseeds & Oil palm (NFSM-OS&OP) from 2018-19 onwards to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds in the country. Now the Government has launched a separate Mission for Oil Palm namely National Mission on Edible Oils (Oil Palm) NMEO (OP) in 2021-22.

Both NFSM- Oilseeds and NMEO (OP) are being implemented in the country with the objective of augmenting the availability of edible oils by increasing the production and productivity of oilseeds & oil palm and reducing the import burden.
