

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1422
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2022

IMPORT OF SUNFLOWER OIL

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

- (a) the details of sunflower oil imports to India over the last five years and the major countries from which India imports this oil;
- (b) whether the recent instability in Ukraine and Russia has impacted sunflower oil supplies in the country, if so, the details of disruption so caused; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to reduce import dependence and promote domestic production of sunflower oil?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The details of sunflower oil imports to India over the last five years are annexed. The major countries from which India imports sunflower oil are Ukraine, Russia and Argentina.

(b): Since 21st February, 2022 to 30th June, 2022, 5.70 LMT of crude sunflower oil has been imported in the country as against import of 7.39 LMT of sunflower oil during the corresponding period in the previous year i.e. from 21st February, 2021 to 30th June, 2021.

(c): The Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz., National Food Security Mission- Oilseeds & Oil Palm (NFSM-OS&OP) from 2018-19 to augment the availability of edible oils by increasing the production and productivity of nine oilseed crops including sunflower and to reduce the import burden in the country. The NFSM-OS is being implemented in 28 States/ UTs during 2022-23.

Further the Government has also approved a special project of Rs. 43.53 crore to the ICAR- Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad to increase area and production of sunflower cultivation in the country through hybrid seed production and demonstration for three years from 2022-23 to 2024-25.

Annexure

Annexure referred in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1422 to be answered on 26.07.2022

The details of sunflower oil imports to India over the last five years is given below:

Quantity in Metric Tonnes (MTs) (April to March)

S. No.	HS Code	Commodity	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	15121110	SUNFLOWER SEED OIL CRUDE	2,238,654.00	2,579,744.75	2,499,986.25	2,175,634.50	2,045,033.63
2	15121910	SUNFLOWER OIL EDIBLE GRADE	215.44	228.54	301.95	8,272.02	24,632.23

Source: D/o Commerce
