

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2703
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02ND AUGUST, 2022

ENCOURAGING PALM OIL PRODUCTION

2703. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

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

(a) the details of total estimated annual requirement of palm oil in the country and the details of present production and imports;

(b) whether the Government is considering formulating a comprehensive scheme to encourage palm oil producing farmers by providing Minimum Support Price (MSP) and other financial assistance incentives;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The total annual requirement/Demand, production and quantity Imported of edible oil including palm oil during last five years is given under table:

Year	Demand	(Quantity in Lakh metric tons) Supply	
		Domestic sources	Imports**
2017-18	242.01	103.80	138.21
2018-19	255.51	103.52	151.99
2019-20	251.12	106.55	144.57
2020-21	245.18	111.51	133.67
2021-22	257.26	116.59*	140.67

* As per third advance estimate

** Imports data from April to March

(b) & (c): The **National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)** has been launched during the year 2021 with the aim to augment the availability of edible oils in the country by harnessing area expansion, increasing Crude Palm Oil (CPO) production and reduce the import burden on edible oil. The total approved cost of the NMEO-Oil Palm scheme is Rs. 11,040 crore, out of which Rs 8844 crore as Central share and Rs.2196 crore as state share.

The salient features of NMEO-Oil Palm include enhanced rate of assistance for planting material, inputs for maintenance & intercropping upto gestation period of 4 years, establishment of seed gardens, seed nurseries, micro irrigation, bore well/pump set/water harvesting structure, vermi compost units, solar pumps, harvesting tools, Custom Hiring Centre (CHC). Officers & farmers training, replanting material cost of old oil palm gardens and establishment of Oil Palm processing mills in NE states etc.

For the first time, the Government of India has introduced the concept of Viability Price which is a price assurance for the oil palm farmers.

(d): Does not arise.
