

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1575
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2024

POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT OF FOODGRAINS STOCK

†1575 SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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 is considering to reduce the dependence on import of edible oil in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this direction as on date;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to form empowered group to prepare policy framework for the management of foodgrains stocks; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a), (b) & (c): The domestic production of edible oils in the country is inadequate to meet the domestic demand and the country has to rely on imports, which is around 55% of its total requirement.

Government of India has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, National Food Security Mission- Oilseeds & Oil palm (NFSM-OS&OP) from 2018-19 to augment the availability of vegetable oils and to reduce the import of edible oils by increasing the production and productivity of oilseeds (Groundnut, Soybean, Rapeseed & Mustard, Sunflower, Safflower, Sesame, Niger, Linseed and Castor) and area expansion of Oil Palm & Tree Borne Oilseeds (Olive, Mahua, Kokum, Wild Apricot, Neem, Jajoba, Karanja, Simaroba, Tung, Cheura and Jatropha) in the country.

Now, the Government has launched a separate Mission for Oil Palm, which is the National Mission for Edible Oils (Oil Palm) - NMEO (OP) to promote oil palm cultivation for making the country Aatamirbhar in edible oils with special focus on North-Eastern States and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(d): No Sir.

(e): Does not arise.
