

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.349
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 2024

SPIKE IN EDIBLE OIL PRICES

349 SHRI RAMASAHAYAM RAGHURAM REDDY:

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 recognized the factors that have led to the spike in edible oil prices recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of measures taken by the Government to ease the burden on small-scale food businesses as household consumers?

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

(a): Yes Sir. **(detail in Annexure-I)**

(b): The increase in domestic prices are due to following factors;

(i) Domestic production of edible oils is unable to meet domestic demand. The short fall which is around **57%** is met through imports. The international prices of imported edible oils are showing a significant increasing trend resulting in higher landed cost. **(detail in Annexure-II)**

(ii) Further, in order to harmonize the interests of farmers, processors and consumers, the Government reviews and calibrates the duty structure of edible oils from time to time. The Government has increased the Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on various edible oils to support domestic oilseed farmers and oilseed prices. Effective on September 14, 2024, the Basic Customs Duty on Crude Soybean Oil, Crude Palm Oil, and Crude Sunflower Oil has been raised from 0% to 20%, making the effective duty on crude oils to 27.5%. Additionally, the BCD on Refined Palm Oil, Refined Sunflower Oil, and Refined Soybean Oil has been increased from 12.5% to 32.5% making the effective duty on Refined oils as 35.75%.

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These adjustments are part of the government's ongoing efforts to bolster domestic oilseed farmers, especially with the new soybean and groundnut crops expected to arrive in markets from October 2024.

(c): To control the domestic prices, Government had issued advisory to leading Edible Oil Associations to maintain MRP of edible oil till the availability of edible oil stocks imported at lower duty (i.e 0% & 12.5% Basic Customs Duty).

The Government is closely monitoring the international and domestic prices of Edible Oils and keeping in mind the interest of the consumers, domestic farmers and edible oil industry, the Government makes necessary policy interventions to keep the prices affordable.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.349 FOR ANSWER ON 27.11.2024 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

Edible Oil Prices						
Commodities	Retail Price (Rs./Ltr.)					
	ONE WEEK		ONE MONTH	ONE YEAR		
	20/11/2024	13/11/2024	20/10/2024	20/11/2023	1 Month	1 Year
Groundnut Oil	178.0	178.0	175.2	175.3	1.61%	1.53%
Mustard Oil	152.5	152.0	148.9	125.5	2.38%	21.48%
Soyabean Oil	129.9	129.0	125.6	112.8	3.39%	15.19%
Sunflower Oil	136.4	134.6	128.6	112.5	6.13%	21.29%
RBD Palmolein	117.9	117.4	112.0	90.4	5.31%	30.39%
Commodities	Wholesale Price (Rs./Ltr.)					
	ONE WEEK		ONE MONTH	ONE YEAR		
	20/11/2024	13/11/2024	20/10/2024	20/11/2023	1 Month	1 Year
Groundnut Oil	167.1	167.9	165.7	164.7	0.85%	1.46%
Mustard Oil	143.2	142.2	139.6	117.6	2.61%	21.74%
Soyabean Oil	121.4	120.6	117.5	103.7	3.33%	17.10%
Sunflower Oil	129.4	127.6	122.1	104.9	6.01%	23.40%
RBD Palmolein	111.8	110.7	106.1	83.7	5.37%	33.60%
Source- DoCA						

Annexure II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.349 FOR ANSWER ON 27.11.2024 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

International Prices (USD/MT)					
Commodities	ONE WEEK	ONE MONTH	ONE YEAR		
	20/11/2024	20/10/2024	20/11/2023	1 Month	1 Year
Crude Soyabean Oil	1155	1085	1020	6.45%	13.24%
Crude Sunflower Oil	1195	1085	925	10.14%	29.19%
Crude Palm Oil	1235	1100	880	12.27%	40.34%
RBD Palmolein	1195	1065	865	12.21%	38.15%
Source: SEAI					
