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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1204 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH FEBRUARY, 2025

NATIONAL MISSION ON EDIBLE OIL

1204. SHRI RAJA RAM SINGH:

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

- (a) the reason for placing specific focus on Palm oil in the new National Mission on Edible Oils and non-inclusion of the oilseeds produced by small and medium-scale farmers in oilseed cultivation, particularly in States with low productivity;
- (b) whether the Government has chosen Andaman and Nicobar and North Eastern States to promote the scheme, if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the same keeping in view the dangers of palm oil cultivation to the water table, diversity of forests and well-being of biodiversity since these are rich bio hotspots, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the names and the details of private sector stakeholders to engage in the Mission indicating their role in production of edible oils?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): The Government launched the National Mission on Edible Oil - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) to promote oil palm cultivation in the country and reduce dependence on the imports. The Union Cabinet has also approved the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-OS) to boost domestic oilseed production over a seven-year period, from 2024-25 to 2030-31. The objective of NMEO-Oilseeds is to enhance the production of key primary oilseed crops, as well as increasing collection and extraction efficiency from secondary sources. The Mission specifically focuses on small, medium and marginal farmers with the objective of improving their oilseed crop yields through initiatives such as Frontline Demonstrations, Cluster Frontline Demonstrations and Block-Level Demonstrations, thereby exposing farmers to good agricultural practices and access to essential production inputs. Together, these missions aim to strive towards self-sufficiency in edible oil production.

- (b) & (c): The Reassessment Committee of ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research (IIOPR) 2020 has found regions of North-Eastern States and Andaman & Nicobar suitable for cultivation of Oil palm. As per the report of the Committee, weather and soil parameters like rainfall, minimum temperature, length of continuous dry period, soil depth and slope (for rain-fed conditions) and ground water level, rainfall, minimum temperature, double/triple cropped area (for Irrigated conditions) were considered. Oil palm cultivation does not adversely affect the water availability, as it requires less water compared to that of banana, sugarcane and paddy. Soil fertility is not affected as oil palm produce high biomass, which enables recycling of wastes that can reduce application of organic fertilizers to the tune of 50 per cent. Under the mission, oil palm cultivation is recommended strictly on non-forest lands and agricultural lands by replacing low-value crops. Since the crop is not promoted in forest areas, concerns related to biodiversity loss are mitigated. Instead, oil palm cultivation contributes to increasing green cover and enhancing carbon sequestration.
- (d): Under the NMEO-OP, private sector stakeholders including processors, cooperatives, federations, government recognised farmer associations are engaged in oil palm development through State governments. They support farmers by providing quality planting materials, and offering technical assistance. They also ensure buy-back of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFBs) and establish processing mills for processing of FFBs. The names and the details of private sector stakeholders based on the information received from the state is given in **Annexure**.

Referred to in reply to the part (d) of Lok Sabha unstarred question no. – 1204 for 11.02.2025 regarding "National Mission on Edible Oil" asked by Shri. Raja Ram Singh

| Sl. No. | Name of the Company | Engaged in the States |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Godrej Agrovet Ltd. | Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, |
| 1. | Godiej Agrovet Liu. | Gujarat, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, |
| | | Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura |
| 2. | Patanjali Foods Ltd. | Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, |
| ۷. | 1 atanjan 1 oods Etd. | Gujarat, Karnataka, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, |
| | | Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura |
| 3. | 3F Oil Palm Pvt. Ltd. | Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, |
| J. | 31 On Lumi I vt. Eta. | Chhattisgarh, Karnataka |
| 4. | A.P. Oilfed | Andhra Pradesh |
| 5. | Telangana State Co-operative Oilseeds | Telangana |
| | Growers Fed. Ltd. | 1 Changana |
| 6. | Oil Palm India Limited | Kerala |
| 7. | KE Cultivation Pvt. Ltd. | Assam |
| 8. | Kalpavriksha Oil Palm Pvt. Ltd | Karnataka |
| 9. | Pre-Unique India Ltd | Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat |
| 10. | Navabharat Agro Product | Andhra Pradesh |
| 11. | Ajantha Soya Ltd., | Andhra Pradesh |
| 12. | Amma Palm Plantation Pvt. Ltd. | Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh |
| 13. | Gopal Krishna Palm Extraction Pvt. | Andhra Pradesh |
| | Ltd, | |
| 14. | Eco Palm Oil & Fats Pvt. Ltd. | Telangana |
| 15. | K.S.V Jogeswari Palm Oil Industry | Andhra Pradesh |
| 16. | Karshak Maharshi Oils Pvt. Ltd. | Odisha |
| 17. | KN Biosciences (India) Pvt. Ltd. | Telangana |
| 18. | Lakshmi Balaji Oils | Andhra Pradesh, Odisha |
| 19. | Vaidehi Palm Private Ltd. | Odisha, Tamil Nadu |
| 20. | Livpalm Resources Pvt. Ltd. | Telangana |
| 21. | Living Food Pvt. Ltd. | Andhra Pradesh |
| 22. | Lohiya Edible Oils Private Limited | Telangana |
| 23. | M11 industries Pvt Ltd | Odisha, Andhra Pradesh |
| 24. | Matrix Palm Oil Industries Pvt. Ltd | Telangana |
| 25. | MK Agro tech Pvt.ltd | Odisha, Andhra Pradesh |
| 26. | Radhika Vegetables Oils | Andhra Pradesh |
| 27. | Ramcharan Oil Industries | Telangana |
| 28. | Sarve Sai Edible Oils Pvt. Ltd | Andhra Pradesh, Odisha |
| 29. | Shanti oilpalm industries Pvt. Ltd., | Andhra Pradesh |
| | (M/s. Agro Co-Operative Corp.) | |
| 30. | Shivsais Oil Palm Pvt. Ltd. | Assam, Chhattisgarh |
| 31. | Sri Srinivasa Palm oil mill | Andhra Pradesh |
| 32. | Suven Agro Industries Pvt. Ltd. | Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana |
| 33. | Tirumala Oil Chem India Pvt. Ltd. | Telangana |
| 34. | Tummalo Agro Products Pvt. Ltd. | Andhra Pradesh, Odisha |
| 35. | Value Oil and Gas Services Pvt. Ltd. | Andhra Pradesh, Telangana |
| 36. | Vayhan Coffee Limited | Andhra Pradesh |
| 37. | Vishwatej Oil Industries Pvt Ltd. | Telangana |
| 38. | Riya Agro Industries Pvt. Ltd. | Andhra Pradesh |
| 39. | Hindustan Unilever Ltd. | Andhra Pradesh |
| 40. | AMR Agro Farms Ltd. | Andhra Pradesh |
