

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4266
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH MARCH, 2025

IMPORT OF EDIBLE OIL

4266. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country imports 55-60 per cent of its edible oil requirement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the countries from which India is importing its edible oil;
- (c) whether the Government has initiated a survey to find out edible oil consumption in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is also true that Rs. 10,100 crore has been allotted for this survey and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the efforts being made to bring down imports of edible oil and push production from 39 million tonnes during 2022-23 to 70 million tonnes by 2030-31?

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

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. 57% of edible oil requirement is met through imports as the domestic production of edible oils is unable to meet domestic demand. **(Details in annexure-I).**

Out of the total quantity of oils imported, Palm oils (Crude + Refined) constitute around 57% and are imported mainly from Indonesia and Malaysia, while Soyabean oil constitutes around 20% and is imported from Argentina and Brazil and Sunflower oil constitutes 22% and is imported mainly from Ukraine, Russia and Argentina.

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(c) and (d): The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has initiated an online "Survey on Edible Oil Consumption" through MyGov.in, to explore various aspects of edible oil consumption. The survey is on MyGov platform and no funds have been allocated for the same.

(e): The Union Cabinet has approved the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-OS), an initiative aimed at boosting domestic oilseed production for implementation all over the country over a seven-year period, from 2024-25 to 2030-31 with an outlay of Rs. ₹10,103.38 crore (with a central share of ₹7,481.67 crore) to strive toward self-sufficiency in edible oil production.

The objective of NMEO-Oilseeds is to enhance the production of key primary oilseed crops such as Rapeseed-Mustard, Groundnut, Soybean, Sunflower and Sesamum, as well as increasing collection and extraction efficiency from secondary sources like Cottonseed, Rice Bran, Corn oil and Tree Borne Oils. The mission aims to increase primary oilseed production from 39 million tonnes (2022-23) to 69.7 million tonnes by 2030-31.

Additionally, the Government has also launched the National Mission on Edible Oil - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) to promote oil palm cultivation for making the country Aatamnirbhar in edible oils with special focus on North-Eastern States. The Mission will bring additional area of 6.5 lakh ha under Oil Palm plantation with 3.28 lakh ha in North-Eastern states and 3.22 in Rest of India from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

In order to support the oilseeds farmers, the Basic Custom Duty of Crude Soybean Oil, Crude Palm Oil, and Crude Sunflower Oil was 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 was increased from 12.5% to 32.5% making the effective duty on Refined oils as 35.75% w.e.f. 14th September 2024. These adjustments are part of the government's ongoing efforts to bolster domestic oilseed farmers.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4266 FOR ANSWER ON 26.03.2025 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Year (Nov.- Oct.)	Domestic Availability of Edible Oils	Imports of Edible Oils*	Total Availability/ Consumption	% Self sufficiency	% Share of imports
2019-20	106.55	134.16	240.71	44.3	55.7
2020-21	111.51	134.52	246.03	45.3	54.7
2021-22	116.5	141.93	258.44	45.1	54.9
2022-23	124.23	165.00	289.23	42.95	57.04
2023-24	121.75**	156.55	278.3	43.74	56.25

*** Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (Ministry of Commerce)**

****Based on the Second Advance Estimates declared by DACFW released on 10.03.2025**
