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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 399
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2025

RAPIDLY SHIFTING OF FARMERS FROM OILSEED TO MAIZE-RELIANCE

399. SHRI SUKHDEO BHAGAT:

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

- (a) whether the farmers are rapidly shifting from oil seeds to maize due to low domestic oil seed prices-despite the Government's goal of oil self-reliance as observed in the June 30, 2025 Ministry report highlighting this crop-shift; and
(b) the details of interventions (like MSP or import tariffs) that are being implemented to reverse this trend and ensure edible oil security?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): As per the third advance estimates of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), the area under oilseed cultivation has increased from 301.92 lakh hectares in 2023–24 to 302.65 lakh hectares in 2024–25. The production of oilseeds has also increased from 396.69 lakh tonnes in 2023-24 to 426.09 lakh tonnes in 2024-25.

The National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-OS) was approved on 3rd October, 2024 to boost domestic oilseed production and move towards self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat) in edible oils. Minimum Support Price (MSP) for oilseeds has been declared every year at least 1.5 times the cost of production. Procurement under the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme also covers oilseeds and helps farmers get better prices and income support.
