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PRODUCTION OF SOYBEAN AND MAIZE

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

- (a) whether the Soybean and Maize production is not meeting country's needs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give special exemption for importing soybean and maize from the US;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (e) whether importing Soybean and Maize is likely to harm Indian farmers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The country achieved a record in the production of soybean at 151.80 lakh tonnes and maize production of 422.81 lakh tonnes in 2024-25 (as per the 3rd Advance Estimate), marking an year-on-year increase of 21.18 and 46.16 lakh tonnes, respectively. During 2014-15 to 2024-25, soybean production rose by 46.32% (from 103.74 to 151.80 lakh tonnes), while maize production grew by 74.91% (from 241.73 to 422.81 lakh tonnes). The data on soybean and maize production trends is provided at **Annexure I**

The domestic production of edible oils in the country is not enough to meet the rising domestic demand and the country has to rely on imports, which is around 55% of its total requirement. Consistent efforts are being made to achieve self-sufficiency in oilseeds (including soybean). National Mission on Edible Oils- Oilseeds has allocated Rs 10,103.38 crore to boost oilseed production to 69.7 million tonnes by 2030-31 from present 42.6 million tonnes in 2024-25 (3rd Advance Estimate).

India has generally been a net exporter of maize. However, in 2024-25, India's maize exports were minimal, marking an exception to its usual exporter status.

(c) & (d): Government of India is actively involved in the discussions on the India-USA Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with the Government of the United States with the aim to expand trade and investment and deepening of the India-US trade relationship to promote growth that ensures fairness, national security and job creation. The ongoing discussions are focused on an integrated approach to strengthen and deepen bilateral trade by mutually increasing market access, reducing tariff and non-tariff barriers, and deepening supply chain integration.

Further, the livelihood interests of our farmers and requirements of food security have always been paramount for the Government while negotiating trade agreements with our international partners, including the US.

(e): Every year, the Central Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce. Soybean and Maize are included in the 22 mandated agricultural crops.

Further, India implements several programs to boost soybean and maize production, notably the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds) and the National Food Security Mission (NFSM). These initiatives aim to enhance the area under cultivation, production, and productivity by adopting multiple strategies, including the supply of quality seeds, promotion of improved agricultural technologies, and ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers.

Annexure I

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW)
All India: Crop-wise Production

Source: DA&FW
Production in Lakh Tonnes

Crop	Season	Production										
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Maize	Kharif	170.14	160.53	189.19	201.18	194.14	194.29	215.55	226.81	236.74	222.45	248.43
	Rabi	71.59	65.14	69.81	86.34	83.02	93.37	100.92	110.49	116.90	120.28	136.16
	Summer									27.21	33.92	38.22
	Total	241.73	225.67	259.00	287.53	277.15	287.66	316.47	337.30	380.85	376.65	422.81
Soybean	Kharif	103.74	85.70	131.59	109.33	132.68	112.26	126.10	129.87	149.85	130.62	151.80
	Total	103.74	85.70	131.59	109.33	132.68	112.26	126.10	129.87	149.85	130.62	151.80

Data for the year 2024-25 is of 3rd Advance Estimates