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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1826
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026

OILSEED PRODUCTION

1826. SHRI C N ANNADURAI:

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

- (a) the details of oilseed production in the country during the last five years, highlighting the contribution of Tamil Nadu as a significant producer under various Union Government programmes aimed at enhancing productivity and reducing import dependence;
- (b) the extent to which key oilseed-growing districts of Tamil Nadu, including Tiruvannamalai, have contributed to increased area, yield and production of crops such as groundnut, gingelly and sunflower with support from centrally sponsored schemes like NFSM-Oilseeds, seed minikits, demonstrations and MSP operations;
- (c) the measurable outcomes of Union Government interventions in terms of farmers' income, adoption of improved varieties and strengthening of edible oil self-sufficiency in the State; and
- (d) the future plans of the Union Government to further augment oilseed production in Tamil Nadu through research support, technology dissemination, mechanisation and market linkages?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Oilseed production in the country has increased from 359.46 lakh tonnes in 2020-21 to 429.89 lakh tonnes in 2024-25. Details of area, production and yield at the national level as well as for Tamil Nadu are as under:

(Area in Lakh Ha, Production in Lakh Tonnes & Yield Kg/ Ha)

Year	All India			Tamil Nadu			% contribution of Tamil Nadu in total production
	Area	Production	Yield	Area	Production	Yield	
2020-21	288.34	359.46	1247	4.74	10.63	2244	2.96
2021-22	289.45	379.63	1312	4.32	10.83	2505	2.85
2022-23	302.39	413.55	1368	4.15	9.49	2288	2.29
2023-24	301.92	396.69	1314	4.01	9.17	2287	2.31
2024-25	304.40	429.89	1412	4.06	8.12	1998	1.89

Source: UPAg portal

Tamil Nadu produces groundnut, gingelly and sunflower. Crop wise, district wise area, production and yield of oilseeds in Tamil Nadu State is available at <https://upag.gov.in/>.

The National Mission on Edible Oils–Oilseeds (NMEO-OS) was approved on 3rd October, 2024 to boost domestic oilseed production and to strive towards self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat) in edible oils.

The NMEO-OS is implemented through a cluster-based approach with market linkages. Value Chain Clusters managed by Value Chain Partners such as Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), cooperatives and other agencies. Provide free high-quality seeds for up to one hectare per farmer and training in good agricultural practices. The Mission also supports the establishment and upgradation of post-harvest infrastructure (oil mills), to improve oil recovery from both primary and secondary sources. Different categories of demonstrations are also done in cluster mode.

Availability of quality certified seed is strengthened through 100 per cent support for breeder seed production, along with support for establishing new seed hubs and seed storage units in the public sector. Five (5) seed hubs (Groundnut, sesame & castor) and one (1) seed storage units have been sanctioned in Tamil Nadu.

In addition, the Government declares Minimum Support Price (MSP) for oilseeds every year to ensure remunerative prices for farmers, protect them from market volatility, encourage higher domestic production and reduce import dependence. Procurement under the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme also covers oilseeds and helps farmers get better prices and income support.
