

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 118
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JULY, 2015

PRICE OF EDIBLE OIL

118. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the price of edible oil has increased sharply in the recent months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (c) the quantity and value of edible oil and pulses imported during the last three years along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any action plan and/or constituted any special committee to cut down the imports and make the country self reliant in pulses and edible oil?

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MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a)& (b) During the last three months, the wholesale domestic prices of all major edible oils have increased marginally. The increase in prices is due to untimely rain throughout the country. However, during the current month, as on 13.07.2015, the prices of all edible oils have either decreased or remained stable as compared to June, 2015. The details are in table given below:-

Value in Rs/Quintal

| Name of Edible oil | Wholesale Prices on 13.04.15 | Wholesale Prices on 13.05.15 | Wholesale Prices on 13.06.15 | Wholesale Prices on 13.07.15 |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Soyabean Oil | 6050 | 6200 | 6150 | 6050 |
| Mustard Oil | 6550 | 7200 | 7800 | 7750 |
| Groundnut Oil | 9700 | 9500 | 10000 | 10700 |
| Sunflower Oil | 6400 | 7050 | 7050 | 7000 |
| RBD Palmolein | 4880 | 5150 | 5120 | 4950 |
| Cottonseed Oil | 5600 | 6000 | 5850 | 5800 |

(c) The quantity and value of edible oils & pulses imported during last three years are as follows:-

Edible Oil

| Year | Quantity in lakh tones | Amount (Million USD) |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 2012-13 | 110.17 | 11265.12 |
| 2013-14 | 104.68 | 9390.96 |
| 2014-15* | 127.01 | 10622.14 |

*Figures for 2014-15 are provisional

Source. DGCIS

Pulses

| Year | Quantity in lakh tones | Value (Million USD) |
|----------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 2012-13 | 40.13 | 2449.99 |
| 2013-14 | 36.44 | 2119.32 |
| 2014-15* | 45.85 | 2786.11 |

*Figures for 2014-15 are provisional

Source. DGCIS

The domestic production of edible oils and pulses are insufficient to meet the domestic demand. Further the demand of edible oils and Pulses has also increased due to increase in population and purchasing power of the people.

(d) In order to make country self reliant in edible oils and to cut down the import of edible oils, a National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) has been launched from 2014-15, for increasing production of vegetable oils sourced from oilseeds; oil palm and Tree Borne Oil seeds (TBOs).

Similarly for increasing production & productivity of Pulses National Food Security Mission (NFSM-Pulses) is being implemented from 2014-15 in 622 districts of 27 States.