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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1700
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2026

WEST ASIA CRISIS AND ITS IMPACT ON EDIBLE OIL AVAILABILITY

1700 SHRI RAJEEV RAI:

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

(a) whether the prices of edible oils have increased in the domestic market due to recent geopolitical tensions in West Asia;

(b) if so, the details of increase in wholesale and retail prices during the last six months, commodity-wise;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken the market intervention to stabilize prices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): India relies on imports to meet a significant portion of its domestic edible oil requirement. Consequently, domestic edible oil prices are dependent on international market trends. Recent geopolitical conflicts in West Asia have led to an increase in global crude oil prices, freight and marine insurance costs, leading to higher international edible oil prices. Higher crude oil prices have also diverted more palm and soybean oil towards biofuel production, reducing export availability and pushing up both global and domestic edible oil prices. The availability of edible oils in the country remains adequate, as imports from major supplying countries continue through the usual trade routes.

(b): Details of wholesale and retail prices during the last six months and commodity wise is in **Annexure I.**

(c) & (d): The Government is closely monitoring the prices and availability of edible oils in the domestic market. Adequate stocks are available, and imports from major supplier countries continue without significant disruption. The Government remains prepared to undertake appropriate market intervention measures, including review of import duty and other trade-related measures, as and when required, to ensure adequate availability and to stabilize prices in the interest of consumers.

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Annexure I

Annexure referred to in the reply to Part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 1700 in the Lok Sabha on 29.07.2026.

Details of wholesale and retail prices during the last six months, commodity-wise are as follow;

Commodities	Daily Average Retail Price (Rs/Kg)												
	Price As On	1 Month Ago	2 Months Ago	3 Months Ago	4 Months Ago	5 Months Ago	6 Months Ago	% Variation over					
	22-07-2026	22-06-2026	22-05-2026	22-04-2026	22-03-2026	22-02-2026	22-01-2026	1 Month	2 Months	3 Months	4 Months	5 Months	6 Months
Groundnut Oil (Packed)	206	203	201	200	198	193	190	1.4	2.0	2.7	3.7	6.4	8.1
Mustard Oil (Packed)	196	193	190	189	185	186	186	1.3	3.0	3.4	5.4	5.2	4.9
Vanaspati (Packed)	165	164	161	160	156	155	157	1.0	2.5	3.2	6.1	6.8	5.6
Soya Oil (Packed)	164	162	160	159	154	151	148	1.3	2.7	3.5	6.8	8.9	11.1
Sunflower Oil (Packed)	189	188	186	185	181	175	169	0.5	1.7	2.2	4.3	8.2	11.9
Palm Oil (Packed)	148	147	145	144	142	137	133	0.8	2.4	3.2	4.4	8.0	11.4
Source - DoCA													

Commodities	Daily Average Wholesale Price (Rs/Qtl)												
	Price As On	1 Month Ago	2 Months Ago	3 Months Ago	4 Months Ago	5 Months Ago	6 Months Ago	% Variation over					
	22-07-2026	22-06-2026	22-05-2026	22-04-2026	22-03-2026	22-02-2026	22-01-2026	1 Month	2 Months	3 Months	4 Months	5 Months	6 Months
Groundnut Oil (Packed)	19489	19227	18948	18852	18755	18271	17942	1.4	2.9	3.4	3.9	6.7	8.6
Mustard Oil (Packed)	18560	18283	17914	17884	17604	17668	17648	1.5	3.6	3.8	5.4	5.1	5.2
Vanaspati (Packed)	15455	15314	15015	14921	14509	14468	14484	0.9	2.9	3.6	6.5	6.8	6.7
Soya Oil (Packed)	15425	15275	14974	14902	14475	14188	13856	1.0	3.0	3.5	6.6	8.7	11.3
Sunflower Oil (Packed)	17993	17886	17541	17486	17201	16567	16067	0.6	2.6	2.9	4.6	8.6	12.0
Palm Oil (Packed)	13949	13832	13584	13452	13372	12894	12495	0.9	2.7	3.7	4.3	8.2	11.6
Source - DoCA													

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