

Demand and Supply of Edible Oils

333. **SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA:**
SHRIMAT SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the demand and supply of edible oils in the country particularly in the State of Gujarat;

(b) whether the gap between demand and supply is widening;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial steps taken to bring the gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). On All-India basis, the gap between demand and supply of edible oils in the country is estimated to be around 7 lakh tonnes this years.

As regards the State of Gujarat which is a major oilseeds producing State the supply of edible oils on the basis of oilseeds production in the State is to exceed the demand for edible oils. However in reality this mostly does not happen as the oilseed produced are not necessarily processed in the State or even the oils produced in the State are not necessarily consumed within the State.

The gap between the demand and supply in the country is, however, not widening.

(d) Government is importing edible oil to bridge the gap between the supply and demand, apart from taking steps to increase the production of edible oils in the country.

[Translation]

Funds to Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh for Development of Slums

334. **SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:**
SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh have demanded special assistance for development of slums in the state;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allotted during the last two years for development of slums?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). Project proposals for improvement of slums in Varanasi and Agra had been received from Govt. of Uttar Pradesh for O.D. Assistance of Rs. 52.05 crores and Rs. 44.89 crores respectively. Since as a matter of policy only one project in one State can be posed for external assistance, the project proposal of Varanasi which was received earlier than the project proposal of Agra has been forwarded for O.D.A.'s approval.

No proposal for slum upgrading in Gujarat has been received from the State Government.

[English]**Eighth Plan Proposals by Karnataka**

335. **SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI:** Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state: