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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4995
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST APRIL, 2025

FALLING PRICES OF EDIBLE OILS

4995. DR. BACHHAV SHOBHA DINESH:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the domestic prices of edible oils, particularly soyabean have been falling and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, oil/year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any statistics regarding production of oilseeds/soyabean in the country for past three years and if so, the details thereof, State/year-wise, especially for Maharashtra for past three years;
- (c) the details of customs duty on crude/refined palm, soyabean, sunflower and other seed oils;
- (d) the details of import and export of oilseeds/oils during the past three years, country/oilseed/oil/price-wise;
- (e) the details of current Minimum Export Price (MEP) for crude/refined edible oils;
- (f) whether the Government has changed MEP for edible oils, if so, the details of impact of same on farmers, especially in Maharashtra; and
- (g) whether the Government has decided to prioritise palm oil export over soyabean and if so, the impact of same on soyabean farmers, especially in Maharashtra?

ANSWER

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

(a): Domestic prices of edible oils, including soyabean oil, are influenced by factors such as demand and supply, trade policies, international price fluctuation etc. The trend in wholesale prices of major edible oils over the past three years is as below:

Wholesale Prices (Rs./quintal)			
Edible Oils	Year		
	2022	2023	2024
Soya oil	14905	12754	12006
Rapeseed & Mustard Oil	17167	14461	14030
Groundnut Oil	17903	17987	17883
Sunflower oil	16909	14266	13021
Palm oil	12858	10179	10194

Prices of soyabean and other edible oil have shown increasing trend in the recent months. As of February 2025, wholesale price of soyabean oil was Rs.13632 per quintal.

(b): Information regarding the production of total oilseeds and soyabean in the country, including Maharashtra, for the past three years is provided at **Annexure I**.

(c): Presently, the Basic Custom Duty (BCD) on import of crude soybean oil, crude palm oil and crude sunflower oil is 20%, resulting in an effective duty of 27.5% on these oils. Additionally, the BCD on refined soybean oil, refined palm oil and refined sunflower oil is 32.5%, leading to an effective duty of 35.75% on these refined oils. For crude rapeseed & mustard oil, as well as groundnut oil, the effective duty stands at 38.5%, while the duty on the refined oil is 49.5%.

(d): The details on the import and export of major edible oils over the past three years are given at **Annexure II A & II B**.

(e): Currently, all varieties of edible oils except mustard oil are allowed for export without any Minimum Export Price (MEP). However, export of mustard oil in branded consumer packs of upto 5 kgs are permitted for export with a Minimum Export Price (MEP) of USD 900/MT.

(f): There has been no change in the MEP of any edible oil since 06.04.2018.

(g): Both palm oil and soyabean oil are free for export, and the Government does not prioritise palm oil over soyabean.

Annexure – I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the unstarred questions no. 4995 for answer on 01.04.2025 in the Lok Sabha.

Production of oilseeds/soyabean in the country (Quantity in Lakh Tonnes)

States	Soyabean			Total Oilseed		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Maharashtra	55	66.16	52.58	59.53	69.38	55.94
Madhya Pradesh	53.92	57.89	54.72	79.21	82.9	85.77
Rajasthan	9.25	12.07	11.7	86.88	94.2	93.65
Karnataka	4.37	5.45	4.13	11.21	14.31	7.56
Gujarat	3.66	3.73	3.68	68.93	72.57	72.79
Telangana	2.68	3.26	2.7	6.81	6.18	5.27
Other States	0.99	1.29	1.11	67.06	74.01	75.71
All India	129.87	149.85	130.62	379.63	413.55	396.69

Source: DAFW accessed through UPAg portal

Annexure – II A

Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of the unstarred questions no. 4995 for answer on 01.04.2025 in the Lok Sabha.

Table A. Import of edible oils

Commodities		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		QTY (LMT)	Unit value (Rs/kg)	QTY (LMT)	Unit value (Rs/kg)	QTY (LMT)	Unit value (Rs/kg)
Palm Oil	Crude	63.04	91.62	74.64	95.94	67.82	76.14
	Refined	17.47	100.49	22.42	93.85	21.36	75
Soya Oil	Crude	35.59	103.2	38	122.37	31.29	87.04
	Refined	3.32	136.71	0.51	146.46	0.04	129.94
Sunflower Oil	Crude	20.45	105.02	20.03	125.77	32.68	80.52
	Refined	0.25	129.52	0.04	142.63	0.02	127.86

Source: DGCIS

Annexure – II B

Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of the unstarred questions no. 4995 for answer on 01.04.2025 in the Lok Sabha.

Table B. Export of edible oils

Commodities		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		QTY (LMT)	Unit value (Rs/kg)	QTY (LMT)	Unit value (Rs/kg)	QTY (LMT)	Unit value (Rs/kg)
Groundnut Oil	Crude	0.18	137.43	1.19	157.83	1.22	147
	Refined	0.02	189.55	0.04	179.76	0.03	235.25
Mustard/ Rapeseed Oil	Crude	0.02	205.26	0.05	213	0.08	173.98
	Refined	0.04	182.99	0.04	152.34	0.03	128.13
Palm Oil	Crude	0.01	101.65	0.000001	134.81	0.02	82.8
	Refined	0.13	97.58	0.01	131.86	0.01	100.44
Soya Oil	Crude	0.001	124.9	0.0005	122.77	0.005	95.43
	Refined	0.1	155.05	0.15	152.78	0.14	116.04
Sunflower Oil	Crude	0.01	103.21	0.0002	291.59	0.0003	276.62
	Refined	0.07	115.17	0.05	200.65	0.19	103.78

Source: DGCIS
