

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 653**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026

**EDIBLE OIL SECURITY**

653. SHRI SUKHDEO BHAGAT:

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

- (a) whether the farmers are rapidly shifting from oilseeds to maize due to low domestic oilseed prices, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the same has been noted in the June 30, 2025 Ministry report despite the Government's goal of oil self-reliance; and
- (c) the reasons for the urgent policy interventions (like MSP or import tariffs) are being implemented to reverse this trend and ensure edible oil security?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): As per the final estimate of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), the area under oilseed cultivation has increased from 301.92 lakh hectares in 2023–24 to 304.40 lakh hectares in 2024–25. The production of oilseeds has also increased from 396.69 lakh tonnes in 2023-24 to 429.89 lakh tonnes in 2024-25.

The National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-OS) was approved on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024 to boost domestic oilseed production and move towards self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat) in edible oils. Minimum Support Price (MSP) and import tariffs are being implemented to ensure fair prices for farmers, protect them from market fluctuations, reduce dependence on imports and encourage higher domestic production of edible oils. Procurement under the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme also covers oilseeds and helps farmers get better prices and income support.

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