

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that farmers are not getting remunerative price for their produce so that cultivation of oil seeds has drastically decline during the last several years; and

(b) if so, the details of production of oil seeds during the Seventh Five Year Plan in comparison to each of the last three years?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) Yes, Sir. There has been a declining trend in the prices of oil seeds due to market forces. However, Government of India announces the Minimum Support Prices for Oilseed crops every year. In case the prices of Oilseeds fall below the Minimum Support Prices, NAFED which is the central nodal agency, procure the oilseed grower's produce on the Minimum Support Prices.

Thus, there has been a significant increase in the production of oilseeds from a level of 10.83 million tonnes during 1985-86 to the level of 25.21 million tonnes during 1998-99.

(b) The details of production of Oilseeds during the 7th Five Year Plan as well as during the last 3 years are as under :

(Production of Oilseeds)

(in million tonnes)

Year      7th Five Year Plan Year      During the last 3 years

1985-86	10.83	1996-97	24.38
1986-87	11.27	1997-98	21.32
1987-88	12.65	1998-99	25.21
1988-89	18.03		
1989-90	16.92		