

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:906
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TRADE IN MUSTARD SEEDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether trade in mustard seeds the country has been severely affected by hoarding and future speculations causing artificial scarcity leading to spurt in seed prices by 68%;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken against the intermediaries holding buffer stocks of mustard oil or seeds;
- (c) whether the traders have petitioned to the Government to curb future trading or cut import duty on mustard seed and oil to control price fluctuations; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Question does not arise.
- (c): No such petitions have been received.
- (d): Question does not arise.