

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:637
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PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLE OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of edible oils during the last three years, category-wise, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the demands for the above varieties of edible oils in the country;
- (c) whether the supply of edible oils is sufficient to meet the demand; and
- (d) if not, the remedial measures in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SRI B. SURESH K. V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a)&(b): Data relating to production and demand of edible oils, category-wise and State-wise is not maintained as there is no restriction on the inter-State movement of oilseeds/oils. The production of edible oils during the last three years is as under:

(Quantity in Lakh MTs)
Year Production of Edible Oils

2000-2001	54.99
2001-2002	62.00
2002-2003	48.86

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Some of the steps taken are as under:

- (i) Import of edible oils (except coconut) is allowed under Open General Licence (OGL).
- (ii) Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) is in place to augment the production of oilseeds.