

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5036
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SHORTAGE OF SOYABEAN
SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of soyabean in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the quantity of shortage;
- (c) whether the Government are importing soyabean to meet the demand;
- (d) if so, the names of the countries from where it is imported; and
- (e) the import price of soyabean?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): There has been virtually no shortage of soyabean in the country. This will be evident from the following figures of production during the last three years:

Year Production (in Lakh MTs)

1997-98	64.63
1998-99	69.42
1999-2000	68.40

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.