

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3562

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IMPORT OF GM OILSEEDS

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to import Genetically Modified (GM) oilseeds to meet the domestic demand of edible oil;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether doubts have been raised by some experts and Non-Governmental organizations over the entry of GM foods in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH )

(a) & (b): Import of oilseeds is under Open General Licence (OGL). The Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC) has not received any request for import of GM Oilseeds.

(c) & (d): No representations or doubts over the entry of G.M. Foods in the country have been received by GEAC.