

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROCESSING OF MUSTARD OIL  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Agricultural Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) has taken any step to process mustard oil;
- (b) if so, the States where NAFED has set up processing units so far;
- (c) the quantum of oilseeds procured and oil production therefrom; and
- (d) the target set for 2005-06 financial year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. NAFED has taken steps to process upto 4 lakh MT mustard seed procured under Price Support Scheme during crop season 2005. NAFED has floated tenders for engaging mustard seed processing units in different producing states like Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Gujarat. NAFED has not set up its own processing units.

(c): NAFED has procured 20.93 lakh MT mustard, 31,805 MT safflower seed, 2084 MT copra and 2196 MT sesame seed under Price Support Scheme from Rabi/Kharif crop of 2005 season. NAFED has been allowed to process upto 4 lakh MT of mustard seed. However, actual quantity of oil production will be known after processing of the quantity allowed.

(d): Under the Price Support Scheme, NAFED, as central nodal agency, undertakes procurement of oil seeds as and when prices of any of the oil seeds fall below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed by the Government for a particular crop season. The procurement under the scheme continues till the prices stabilise at or above the MSP fixed by the Government .

Therefore, no target may be fixed for a particular financial year.