

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:272

ANSWERED ON:12.12.2005

EXPORT OF OILSEEDS

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

- (a) the quantity of oilseeds exported during the last three years, oilseed-wise;
- (b) whether the oil seeds expeller industry is unable to utilize its installed capacity due to shortage of sufficient quantity of oilseeds;
- (c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and
- (d) the reasons for exporting the oilseeds from the country despite the domestic shortages?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 272 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 12.12.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The details regarding oilseeds exported during the last three years are as under:-

(in lakh tonnes)

Oilseeds# 2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005

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|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sesame seed | 1.1838 | 1.8911 | 1.5666 |
| Shelled Groundnut | 0.4442 | 1.3633 | 1.1241 |
| Groundnut in shell | 0.2347 | 0.3978 | 0.6470 |
| Mustard/Rape/Colza seed | 0.1747 | 0.5382 | 0.1612 |
| Safflower seed | 0.0551 | 0.0944 | 0.0622 |
| Castor seed | 0.0278 | 0.0192 | 0.0134 |
| Soyabean seed | 0.0172 | 2.4227 | 0.0206 |
| Sunflower seed | 0.0169 | 0.0123 | 0.0295 |
| Others | 0.3804 | 0.2038 | 0.2780 |

Total 2.5348 6.9428 3.9026

= Oilseeds e.g. whether or not broken of soyabean, shelled groundnut, linseed, rape/colza seed, sunflower seed, cotton seed, castor seed, sesame seed, mustard seed, safflower seed, etc.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The Vegetable Oil Industry including oilseeds expeller industry has been delicensed with effect from 25.7.1991, thereby creating opportunities for creation of new capacities/expansion of existing capacities. The installed capacity of oilseeds crushing industry is totally incommensurate with the availability of raw materials. As per available information, the total installed capacity of the oilseed

crushing industry is estimated at around 425 lakh tonnes in terms of seed and the average percentage of capacity utilization is around 30.

(d): Average annual export of oilseeds constitutes only around 1.7% of the total oilseeds produced in the country. These exports are undertaken primarily for better price realization, thereby supporting the oilseed farmers.