

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

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IMPORT OF EDIBLE OIL

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

- (a) whether the import of edible oils is likely to remain stable in view of bumper oilseed crop and consequent increase in production of edible oil;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to hike the duty on palm oil to reduce imports in view of the above;
- (d) if so, whether the country is likely to become self sufficient in edible oil production in the coming years; and
- (e) if so, the other steps being taken to check import of edible oil?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Import of edible oils is 34.28 lakh tones during April, 2005 - January, 2006 against 37.07 lakh tones during the corresponding period of last year.
- (c): At present, there is no proposal under consideration to increase custom duty on Palm Oil.
- (d) & (e): Do not arise.