

#### Increase in import of vegetable oils

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that import of vegetable oils has increased by about 86 per cent during November-May period in 2008-09 from 25.22 lakh tonnes to 46.83 lakh tonnes in the year ago period;
- (b) if so, the details of imports during this period and a year ago oil-wise;
- (c) the reasons for increased import of edible oil; and
- (d) the measures being taken to increase the indigenous production of oilseeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) According to the Solvent Extractor's association of India, Mumbai, the import of edible oils has increased by about 88 per cent during November-May period in 2008-09 from 25.46 lakh tonnes to 47.91 lakh tonnes during the same period last year.

(b) Oil-wise details of imports during the period November-May 2008-09 and November-May 2007-08 are given in the enclosed Statement (*See below*).

(c) The total demand for edible oils in the country has been increasing in recent years. Domestic production of edible oils is not increasing to the same level. In order to bridge the gap between demand and supply, import of edible oils to the country has been increasing.

(d) The Government has taken various steps to enhance the production and productivity of oilseeds in the country. A centrally sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) is being implemented in 14 major oilseeds growing States for increasing production. The States like Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat etc. are implementing the Oil Palm Development Programme under ISOPOM.

Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, gypsum/pyrite/lime/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, training, publicity etc. to encourage farmers to grow these crops. Block demonstrations and Integrated Pest management demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and [CAR. Budget Expenditure of Rs. 320 crore has been kept for 2009-10 for ISOPOM.

**Statement**

*Import of edible oil for the months of November 2008 to May 2009  
(with comparative period for previous year 2007-08)*

(Qty in Tonnes)

Year (Nov-Oct) Oil Year	Refined Oil			Crude Oil							Total
	RBD Palmolein	Refined Sun- flower Oil	Refined Soybean Oil	Crude Palm Oil	Crude Palmolein Oil	Sunflower Oil	Canola Rape Oil	Soyabean Oil (degummed)	Coconut Oil	Crude Palm - kernel Oil	
November '08	137,959	-	-	363,578	-	8,000	-	-	1,999	7,496	519,032
November '07	30,014	-	-	314,611	995	-	-	-	-	1,700	347,320
December '08	128,540	-	-	486,936	-	32,420	-	60,899	1,999	8,331	719,125
December '07	12,019	-	-	253,923	3,340	-	-	7,500	-	-	276,782
January '09	142,066	-	-	-549,254	-	83,698	1,914	66,563	1,000	12,195	856,690
January '08	5,999	-	-	366,353	-	-	-	83,750	-	1,499	457,601
February '09	62,612	-	-	432,152	245	78,099	-	153,887	-	3,099	730,094
February '08	23,283	-	-	322,576	2,000	-	-	81,634	-	1,499	430,992
March '09	39,893	-	-	431,995	84,120	-	46,346	-	7,199	609,553	
March '08	10,395	-	-	355,559	-	-	-	55,232	-	500	421,686
April '09	103,605	-	-	431,637	-	66,730	4,971	26,206	5,698	20,630	659,477
April '08	11,257	-	-	295,874	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,498	309,629
May '09	142,793	-	-	445,120	-	30,100	19,013	48,102	-	11,497	696,625
May '08	19,386	-	-	265,945	2,015	-	-	7,000	7,999	-	302,343
TOTAL :	757,468	-	-	3,140,672	245	383,167	25,898	402,003	10,696	70,447	4,790,596
(Nov 08 to May 09)											
(Nov 07to May 08)	1,12,353	-	-	2,174,841	8,350	-	-	235,116	8,999	6,696	2,546,355

SOURCE: The Solvent Extractors' Association of India.