

(c) whether any decision has been taken by the Ministry in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) to (c) As per engagement book of the Office of Minister, two meetings dated 5th October, 2016 and 19th October, 2016 took place with representatives of State of Telangana. No minutes of these meetings are available on record.

Production of oil-seeds

1150. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our country spent ₹ 66,000 crores last year for importing vegetable oil alone;

(b) if so, the efforts made by the Minister to encourage production of oil-seeds such a peanuts, sesame, mustard, sunflower, etc. in dry land areas to reach self-sufficiency; and

(c) the status of productivity of edible oils compared with other countries of the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Our country has spent ₹ 68,676 crore last year for importing vegetable oil.

(b) To increase production and productivity of oilseeds, National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) is being implemented in the country since 2014-15. The Mission envisage to increase production of vegetable oils sourced from oilseeds, oil palm and Tree Borne Oilseeds from 7.06 million tones to 9.51 million tonnes by the end of Twelfth Plan (2016-17). Three Mini Missions during the Twelfth Plan are as follows:-

- Mini Mission-I (Oilseeds) targets 35 million tonnes of oilseeds production during 2016-17
- Mini Mission-II (Oil Palm) bring additional 1.25 lakh hectare area under oil palm cultivation with increase in productivity of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFBs) from 4927 kg. per hectare to 15000 kg. per hectare;
- Mini Mission-III (Tree Borne Oilseeds) Enhance seed collection of Tree Borne Oilseeds.

(c) Status of productivity of oilseeds in world and India (2014)

Sl. No.	Crops	Productivity (KG/hectare)	
		World Highest	India
1.	Soybean	Thailand (6258)	965
2.	Groundnut	USA (4408)	1261
3.	Rapeseed and Mustard	Germany (4479)	1094
4.	Castor	Ethiopia (2037)	1666
5.	Sesame	China (1219)	406
6.	Sunflower	Serbia (2904)	569
7.	Safflower	China (1541)	807
8.	Linseed	UK (2600)	392

Source: faostat3.fao.org

Development of commercial horticulture

1151. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released by the National Horticulture Board (NHB) under development of commercial horticulture through production and Post-Harvest Management Scheme for each of the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(b) whether the Board has taken a decision not to provide financial assistance during the current year to the southern States of the country, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) The State/Union Territory-wise details of funds released by the National Horticulture Board (NHB) under Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-Harvest Management Scheme during the last three years and current year up to 31.10.2016 is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir. Does not arise.