

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1253  
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REVIEW OF PRODUCTION TRENDS OF PULSES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have reviewed the production trends of pulses during the last two years in terms of targets set, State-wise;
- (b) the extent of pulses imported during the last two years;
- (c) the extent of domestic requirement of pulses at the end of the Eighth Plan i.e. during 1996-97;
- (d) the annual production target at the end of Ninth Plan i.e.2001-2002;
- (e) the details of the investment made under Research and Development for pulses during Ninth Five Year Plan; and
- (f) the details of new strategies worked out for self-sufficiency in production of pulses in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The State-wise information in respect of targets set and production achieved during the last two years is given at Annexure.
- (b ) The extent of Pulses imports during the last two years is given below:  
(In Lakh Tonnes)

YEAR IMPORT OF PULSES

1998-99	5.64
1999-2000	2.04

- (c) According to the Working Group on demand projections for the IX Plan constituted by the Planning Commission, the domestic requirement at the end of the Eight Plan i.e. during 1996-97 was estimated at 15.30 million tonnes.
- (d) The annual production target at the end of Ninth Plan i.e. 2001-2002 is 16.5 million tonnes.
- (e) The ICAR has allocated an amount of Rs.6108.75 lakhs under Research and Development for Pulses during Ninth Five Year Plan.
- (f) Two-pronged strategy of increasing the area under Pulses cultivation and maximising the present levels of yield has been worked out for increasing the production of pulses in the country. Under area expansion, in addition to pure cropping, mixed and inter-cropping of pulses with other crops, additional coverage is proposed to be brought from new and non-traditional areas and cultivation of Pulses in summer season under irrigated conditions. To maximise the yield levels, the use of better varieties seeds, and greater investment for different components under the National Pulses Development Project like use of rhizobium culture/PSB, application of sulphur, control of bod borer in Arhar and Gram through use of NPV and life saving irrigation in rabi/summer pulses through sprinklers are being promoted.

ANNEXURE

TARGET AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PULSES DURING LAST TWO YEARS

( Lakh Tonnes)

S.N. State/UTs 1998-99 1999-2000 (Advance)

Target Ach. Target Ach.

1. Andhra Pradesh 7.80 7.63 7.80 8.23  
2. Arunachal Pra. 0.05 0.07 0.05 -  
3. Assam 0.65 0.70 0.65 0.60  
4. Bihar 8.37 6.97 8.37 7.01  
5. Goa 0.05 0.09 0.05 -  
6 Gujarat 6.95 6.33 6.95 4.11  
7 Himachal Pra. 0.15 0.13 0.15 0.18  
8. Haryana 5.35 3.53 5.35 0.95  
9. Jammu & Kashmir 0.25 0.18 0.25 0.26  
10. Karnataka 7.45 7.22 6.95 6.75  
11. Kerala 0.40 0.27 0.40 0.23  
12. Madhya Pradesh 36.95 35.73 35.95 38.05  
13. Maharashtra 23.99 22.55 24.49 21.88  
14. Manipur 0.12 - 0.12 -  
15. Meghalaya 0.03 0.03 0.03 -  
16. Mizoram - - 0.03 -  
17. Nagaland 0.04 0.14 0.04 -  
18. Orissa 5.20 2.64 5.20 2.84  
19. Punjab 0.95 0.51 0.95 0.44  
20. Rajasthan 17.50 24.40 17.50 8.99  
21. Sikkim 0.13 0.06 0.13 -  
22. Tamil Nadu 6.06 4.17 6.04 3.72  
23. Tripura 0.04 0.04 0.04 -  
24. Uttar Pradesh 24.90 22.69 25.90 23.30  
25. West Bengal 1.50 1.26 1.50 2.51  
26. A & N Island 0.02 - - -  
27. Delhi 0.02 0.01 0.02 -  
28. Others 0.02 0.15 0.05 0.55

**TOTAL 155.00 148.09 155.0 130.65**