

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF FOODGRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the country is dependent on imported foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce dependence on imports?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): No, Madam. Production of foodgrains in the country is by and large adequate to meet the domestic requirements except for pulses.

(b): India's production and import of pulses is as under:

(Qty in million tonnes)

Year	Production	Import
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2007-08	14.76	2.83
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2008-09	14.57	2.33
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2009-10	14.74	1.43#
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2nd Advance Estimates

# Figures from April 2009 to September 2009 Source: E&S Directorate, DGCI&S (provisional data)

(c): National Food Security Mission (NFSM) has been launched in 2007-08 to increase production of pulses by 2 million tonnes by the end of Eleventh Five Year Plan in addition to the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM). Further, the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) has been launched in August 2007 to incentivise the States to increase investment in agriculture for increasing production and productivity in agriculture.