

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

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IMPORT OF PULSES  
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

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

- (a) whether various Government agencies have imported pulses during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the names of importing agencies alongwith the quantum and price of pulses imported during the said period;
- (c) whether these pulses have been sold from time to time through bidding in the Indian markets;
- (d) if so, the quantum and the time when these pulses were sold through bidding process in the country; and
- (e) the profit earned by these agencies through such sale during each year of the said period?

**Answer**

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

(a): YesMadam.

(b): The 4 agencies were NAFED, MMTC, STC and PEC which imported pulses. A total quantity of 27.15 lakh tonnes of pulses were imported by the 4 agencies during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (up to December 2009) at the price range of \$ 344- \$740 during 2007-08, \$ 372-\$ 1065 during 2008-09 and \$ 259-\$1221.00 during 2009-10 (up to December 2009).

(c): YesMadam.

(d): The sale of pulses is a continuous process in order to stabilize the price in the domestic market. The pulses imported by the 4 agencies were sold in the open market as per the internal procedure of the PSUs. A total quantity of 22.86 lakh tonnes of Pulses were sold by the 4 agencies during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (up to December 2009).

(e): Only MMTC and STC earned profits of Rs. 25.53 crore and Rs.17.20 crore during 2007-08