

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5208
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HOARDING OF IMPORTED PULSES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pulses imported recently were hoarded at ports by the traders to reap higher profits through artificial shortage and resultant price rise; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and corrective action taken in this regard?

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): No Madam

(b): Does not arise. All the Major ports are directed to impose penal demurrage charges to discourage long storage of essential commodities & pulses.