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INCENTIVE FOR PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced an increase in the MSP for pulses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, item-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has announced incentives for pulses so that farmers sell their produce to procurement agencies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which such measures are likely to bring down the prices of pulses?

Answer

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(a) & (b): The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of Kharif Pulses for 2010-11 season have been increased over the respective MSPs for 2009-10 season. The MSPs of Kharif pulses for 2009-10 and 2010-11 season are given in the Table below:

(Rs. per quintal)

Pulse	2009-10	2010-11
Arhar (Tur)	2300	3000
Moong	2760	3170
Urad	2520	2900

(c) & (d): For Kharif Pulses of 2010-11 season, an additional incentive is available at the rate of Rs. 5 per kg for tur, urad and moong sold to procurement agencies during the harvest/ arrival period of two months.

(e): The substantial increase in the MSPs of pulses is expected to incentivise farmers to increase their production and stabilize the prices.