

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DIRECT PROCUREMENT FROM FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to procure pulses directly from the farmers as in the case of wheat and rice; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

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): NAFED is the central nodal agency for procurement of pulses and oilseeds at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) declared by the Government of India under Price Support Scheme (PSS) so as to provide remunerative prices to farmers for their produce. NAFED is undertaking procurement of pulses and oilseeds directly from farmers through State level Cooperative Societies and Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies, without involving any middleman/intermediaries. Beside NAFED, Government has also appointed National Cooperative Consumers Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF) and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) as additional central agencies for oilseeds and pulses from Kharif 2010-11.

(b): During the last three years and current year, the rates of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) notified pulses mainly gram, masoor, moong, urad and arhar (tur) generally ruled above their MSP's declared by the Government of India. However, 481 MTs of urad at the MSP of Rs.2520 per qtl. was procured under PSS in 2008-09.