

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:203  
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SHORTFALL OF PULSES  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the total consumption of pulses in the country has increased drastically during the last two years; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the Government proposes to meet the shortfall?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The details of the estimated demand of pulses during the last two years in the country is given in Annexure-I. The steps taken by the Government to meet the demand supply gap of pulses are given in Annexure-II.