

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

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

- (a) whether subsidy is provided by the Government for distribution of pulses in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the impact of the said subsidy on the price of pulses in the market;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (e) whether the subsidy was provided only on distributon of imported pulses; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Yes madam

(b): There is a scheme for supply of imported pulses by PSUs to state Governments for distribution through PDS, @1 kg per family per month at a subsidy of Rs. 10 per kg.

(c): The supply of imported pulses at subsidized rate helped increase the domestic availability. This helped in moderating the prices of pulses.

(e) & (f): Yes madam. The aim of the scheme was to increase the availability of pulses by increasing imports.