

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF PULSES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to import pulses despite its bumper harvest during the current year putting additional financial burden on the exchequer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the said import is likely to continue?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a)&(b) Government undertakes to import pulses to bridge the gap between demand and domestic supply. Any decision to import in the current year will be taken after seeing the trend of arrivals of rabi harvest in the mandis.

(c) Imports are currently under zero duty (till 31.3.2012). Pulses are also imported by PSUs for distribution to States under the PDS which is valid till 31.3.2012.