

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2195

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DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSIDISED PULSES

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to discontinue the supply of pulses at subsidised rates through the Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the production of pulses is expected to decline during the current year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to ensure adequate availability and control the prices of pulses;
- (e) whether some States have placed orders for considerable quantity of pulses under the scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b); No such decision has been taken.

(c) & (d): As per the Second Advance Estimates for the year 2011-12, production of pulses is estimated to be 17.28 million tonnes as compared to last year's final estimates at 18.24 million tonnes. Steps taken by the Union Government to ensure adequate availability and control prices of pulses are enclosed as Annexure-I.

(e)&(f): Pulses import status in the current year as on 15.03.2012 by States and Agencies, is enclosed at Annexure-II.