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IMPORT OF PULSES

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of the total demand of pulses being met through the imports;
- (b) the details of the quantity and value of pulses imported during each of the last three years, value-wise and the net loss of foreign exchange caused due to such imports;
- (c) whether the import of pulses is likely to cross three metric tonnes during the current financial year; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to reduce the dependency of the country on the import of pulses?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) During 2011-12, the demand of pulses (as projected by the Working Group of Planning Commission for 11th Five Year Plan) is 19.91 million tonnes and import of pulses during the 2011-12 (April-Feb) is 2,688,618 metric ton which is 13.5% of estimated demand.

(b) & (c) The details of import of pulses are as below:

Value In Million				
YEAR	UNIT	QTY	US	\$
2008-09	TON	2,474,111	1,360	
2009-10	TON	3,509,576	2,078	
2010-11	TON	2,698,660	1,565	
2011-12	TON	2,688,618	1,490	
(UPTO JAN12) #				

: Figures for 2011-12(upto jan12) are provisional.

Source : DGCI&S, Kolkata

(d) In order to enhance the production and productivity of pulses in the country, National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses) is being implemented since 2007-08. Presently, NFSM-Pulses is under implementation in 468 districts of 16 States. Under the programme, assistance is being provided for seed production, seed distribution, Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), Integrated Pest Management (IPM), weedicides, Improved farm implements, assistance for increased water use efficiency through distribution of sprinklers, pipeline for carrying water to the fields and pumpsets etc. Besides, training of farmers and extension workers are also organised for transfer of latest production technology.

In addition, to demonstrate the production and protection technology of pulses among the farmers on their fields through compact area approach, Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) is implemented in the country with 1000 units (one unit of 1000 ha each) covering one million hectare area of pulses during 2010-11 and 2011-12.

Further, a programme of Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses Villages in Rainfed Areas is also being implemented in 11 major pulses growing States in the country to provide support for in-situ moisture conservation, accelerated pulses production programme with inclusion of mini kits & pests surveillance and market linked extension support through Small Farmers Agriculture Consortium (SFAC) for framework of Farmers Producer Groups(FPOs) & extending end to end support to the farmers for ensuring better economic return to the farmers.