

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

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

- (a) the production, demand and import of pulses during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether shortage and high price of imported pulses have pushed up the prices in the domestic markets; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): The details of production, demand and import of pulses are given in Annexure-I.
- (b) & (c): During the year 2011-12 (April to March), the WPI based inflation rates of pulses have largely been negative except for gram. Retail prices of different varieties of pulses (in dal form) as monitored by the Department of Consumer Affairs across 49 select centres also show similar trend.

Steps taken by the Government to contain price rise in respect of pulses are given in Annexure II.