

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:729
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IMPORT OF YELLOW PEAS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of yellow peas imported by the Government and its various agencies during the last three years along with its value, year-wise and agency-wise;
- (b) the details of the total stock of yellow peas at the beginning of these years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government or its importing agencies had conducted any survey/study to assess the demand of yellow peas in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government and its agencies continue to import yellow peas in spite of adequate available stocks and lack of buyers in the country; and
- (f) if so, the total losses suffered by the Government and/or its agencies along with the action taken against the officials who initiated this proposal?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Information is being collected.

(c) & (d): No Madam. The Planning Commission's estimation of demand for pulses, as undertaken by them as part of the Five Year Plan projections for demand- supply of agricultural commodities as well as the data brought out by the NSSO's Household Consumer Expenditure Surveys, has been used by Government to assess the demand of pulses.

(e) & (f): Yellow Peas were imported by the designated Government agencies after taking into account the demands by the State Governments and stocks/availability position etc. Some of these designated agencies incurred losses as they operated in volatile international and domestic markets. As these factors were largely beyond the control of these agencies, there is no proposal to take action against any official. The details of losses incurred by these agencies are being collected.