

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

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

- (a) whether dependence on import of pulses to meet the demand is on the rise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the production, demand and import of pulses during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the import quota of pulses in view of decline in production of pulses during the current kharif season due to drought like conditions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Quantum of pulses imported is largely dependent on the domestic production, international availability and prevailing international prices at any particular point of time. The data related to production and import of pulses for the last 4 years is given below:

(Quantity in million tonnes)

Year	Production	Import
2008-09	14.57	2.47
2009-10	14.66	3.51
2010-11	18.24	2.70
2011-12	17.21#	3.31

(Source: DAC; DGCI&S)  
# 4th Advance Estimates; Provisional

The difference between production and demand is met through imports.

(c) & (d): Currently, the import of pulses is made under OGL. During 2012-13, owing to lower acreage under pulses and the impact this may have on production, the gap between demand and production may have to be matched by a higher level of imports.