

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2663
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PULSES UNDER PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether only wheat and rice are being pushed through the Public Distribution System (PDS) but not pulses which are major source of nutrition, in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Union Government for supply of adequate quantity of pulses under PDS; and
- (c) if not, the quantity of pulses distributed through PDS in comparison to wheat and rice during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): No, Madam. Some states besides rice and wheat also distribute pulses under their Public Distribution System (PDS). In so far as the Union Government is concerned, a scheme was in operation upto 30-6-2012 by which states could procure pulses through designated importing agencies with a subsidy of Rs. 10/- per kg. The quantity of pulses imported under this scheme during the last three years, and the offtake of wheat and rice allotted under PDS are as follows:

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)

Year	Pulses	Wheat	Rice
2009-10	2.50	189.91	234.12
2010-11	3.15	188.80	248.41
2011-12	1.86	187.76	243.26

(Source: PEC, MMTC Ltd, STC, NAFED, NCCF; Department of Food);
#Figures as on14/08/12