GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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

(a) the quantity of pulses imported and exported during each of the last three years;

(b) the names of countries to which pulses have been exported/imported alongwith the value thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to import pulses from foreign countries to check its rising prices;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) the terms and conditions under which import of pulses has been allowed; and

(f) the impact of such imports on the prices of pulses in the domestic market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

a)&b): The details of pulses imported and exported for the last three years are as under:

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Quantity in lac tons
Value in Crores Rs.
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	IMPORT		EXPORT	
Year	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2006-07	22.70	3891.90	2.50	773.34
2007-08	28.35	5374.94	1.64	526.41
2008-09	23.77	5989.76	1.36	540.23

The main countries from which pulses are imported are Myanmar, Canada, Australia, USA, Ukraine and China. The main destinations of exports are Pakistan, UAE, Algeria and Sri Lanka.

c)&d): Yes, Madam. The Government has decided to import pulses to abridge the gap between demand and supply and to ensure that the consumers get adequate quantity of pulses at affordable prices. The details of imports are given above.

e) Import of pulses is under the the OGL. These can be imported by everyone including the private sector. To encourage private traders to import pulses, the import duty has been reduced to nil on 8th June, 2006.

f): Due to less production, the prices of pulses have increased globally. Import of pulses has helped in keeping the prices lower than what they would have been in the absence of such imports.