

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has suffered a loss of more than Rs. 1000 crore in import of pulses during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the companies which were awarded tender for import of pulses during the said period;
- (d) whether any enquiry/action has been initiated in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

a)to e): Pulses import are undertaken by Government of India on account of shortage in domestic supply. Imports are affected through designated State Trading Enterprises- STC/MMTC, NAFED and PEC. Due to the differential between domestic prices and international prices and exchange rate fluctuations, losses to the tune of Rs. 875 crores were incurred in the last three years. These factors are well beyond the control of importing agencies.

f): The schemes for 15% reimbursement of losses for import of pulses for PDS has been discontinued.