

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

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PULSES FOR POOR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the supply of pulses particularly for the people living below poverty line in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy to the States in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of various steps taken by the Government to control the prices of pulses in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Measures are under implementation to increase the production and supply of pulses in the country to all sections of population including people living below poverty line. The major scheme for enhancing pulses production is National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Pulses under implementation in 468 districts of 16 States. Interventions/activities under NFSM-Pulses include Seed Distribution, Demonstration of Improved Technologies, Integrated Nutrition Management, Integrated Pest Management, Resource Conservation Technologies, Efficient Water Application Tools and Cropping System based trainings.

(c) & (d) : There is at present no proposal to provide subsidy under pulses.

(e): The steps taken by Government to control prices of pulses in the country include the following:

- # Reduced the import duties to zero for pulses.
- # Banned the export of pulses (except Kabuli chana and organic pulses and lentils up to a maximum of 10000 tonnes per annum).
- # Imposed stock limits from time to time in the case of pulses.
- # Suspended the Futures trading in urad and tur.