

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

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Duty on Pulses

Dhurve Smt. Jyoti

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to reintroduce custom duty on import of pulses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its likely impact on the prices; and
- (c) the steps taken to make the country self reliant in availability of pulses?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. There is no such proposal under consideration.

(c) : In order to make the country self-reliant in pulses availability, Government is implementing a number of plan schemes and programmes like the National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses), the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), the Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and the Integrated Scheme of Oil seeds, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize (ISOPOM). In addition, all the major varieties of pulses like chana, arhar, urad, moong, and masoor are also covered under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) Policy.
