

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2706

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Shortage of Pulses

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

- (a) whether the Government has procured an increased quantity of pulses from the farmers and has also entered into import contracts in view of their shortage and rise in prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of pulses procured and imported during the last one year and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that a huge quantity of imported pulses is stuck at the ports, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken for its early release in markets;
- (d) whether the Government has requested the States to present their requirement of pulses, if so, the details thereof and response of the States thereto; and
- (e) the details of other steps being taken by the Government to check artificial scarcity and spiraling of prices of pulses?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. Domestic procurement of pulses has been undertaken including from farmers. Till now, a total of 50,424.07 MT of Tur and Urad from Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2015-16, and 11,754.06 MT of Chana and Masur from Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2016-17 has already been procured. In addition, imports have been contracted for about 13,500 MT of Tur and 12,500 MT of Urad respectively.

(c) : There has been a strict vigilance by the Government to prevent importers from mis-using the facilities of Customs Bonded Warehouse facility. Domestic searches and surveys have also been conducted on a number of importers, traders and financiers engaged in pulses trade.

(d) : Yes, Madam. Till now, request for allocation of pulses from buffer stock has been received from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Rajasthan.

(e) : The requisite details are at Annexure.

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