

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1311

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Sale of Subsidised Pulses

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to utilise vast network of Post Offices for selling the subsidize pulses and other food grains during the festive seasons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the objectives behind the proposal;
- (c) the number of Post Offices likely to be included under this scheme, State-wise; and
- (d) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard and the scheme is likely to be introduced?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) A proposal has been received from the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution for sale of pulses through Branch Post Offices in the country as among the options available for market intervention to moderate the price rise, which may help to improve the coverage and outreach for retailing of subsidized pulses.

(c) & (d) The matter is under consideration of the Department of Posts for a final decision on the proposal, at the earliest.