

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**  
**Department of Consumer Affairs**

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1385**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2020**

**TACKLING ONION CRISIS**

1385. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has imported a huge quantum of onion recently to meet the demand and supply gap;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to create buffer stock of onion to meet the crisis;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री  
(श्री दानवे रावसाहेब दादाराव)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE**  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)**

(a) & (b) : Government of India directed MMTC to import onion for improving its availability and moderating its prices. MMTC contracted import of 41,950 metric tonnes (MT) of onions against which import of 36,124 MT materialized.

(c) to (e) : Government created buffer of about 57,000 MT onions during Rabi 2019 season for its regulated release during lean season to improve prices and availability situation of onions.

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