

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 27.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
IMPORT OF PULSES .

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

- (a) whether pulses are being imported from various countries through different ports of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the import of pulses effected during the period 2008-09; particularly through the port of Kolkata; and
- (c) the details of the off-take of pulses from the respective godowns for the purpose of PDS during the above period, godown-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(Prof. K.V. Thomas)

- (a) :Yes Sir.
- (b) :As per DGCIS data, 2.44 million tonnes of pulses was imported during the period 2008-2009. A quantity of 0.44 million tonnes of pulses was imported through the port of Kolkata.
- (c) : The PSUs viz. MMTC, PEC, STC and NAFED, were mandated to supply imported pulses to the state governments for distribution through PDS. Of them only MMTC imported 4000 tonnes of Red Lentils during 2008-09 through Kolkata port for supply to the West Bengal Government for distribution through PDS.