

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 21.04.2010
ANSWERED ON
ASSESSMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF PULSES .

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Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government has assessed the availability of pulses for the consumption in the country;
- (b) if so, whether proper storage are there or not;
- (c) if not, whether Government have any plan to import pulses from other countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) : It is estimated that about 147.4 lac tons of pulses will be produced in 2009-10 for which proper storage is available.

(c-d): Due to the deficit in production and the consumption of pulses in the country India has to import 20 – 25 lac tons of pulses every year through the PSUs as well as the private sector. To ensure the availability of pulses at reasonable rates to the consumers, the Government as of now has permitted to import it at zero percent import duty.