GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OFCONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO12.11.2010 ANSWERED ON SUBSIDY ON EDIBLE OIL AND PULSES .

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

(a) whether subsidy is given to keep under control, the prices of pulses and edible oils, keeping in view welfare of common people of the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any provision for fixed quota for subsidized pulses and edible oils for States and UTs;
- (d) if so, the quantum of quota fixed for Orissa;
- (e) whether Government of Orissa has failed to procure its fixed quota; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

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(a) & (b): Yes sir. Government encourages import of pulses under the 2 schemes namely

(i) scheme for import of pulses by PSUs against reimbursement of losses up to 15% of landed cost and services charge of 1.2% of CIF value

(ii) Supply of imported pulses by PSUs to state Governments for distribution through PDS, @1 kg per family per month at a subsidy of Rs.10 per kg. Similarly for edible oils, there is a scheme of supply of imported edible oils to States/UTs for distribution to ration card holders @ 1 litre per month at a subsidy @ Rs.15/kg.

(c) : No Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e) : No State-specific quota has been fixed. 2005 tonnes of yellow peas pulses have been supplied during 2010-11 (as on 4.11.2010) under the Scheme for Supply of imported pulses by PSUs to state Governments for distribution through PDS at a subsidy of Rs.10 per kg. As regards edible oils a 97070 tonnes have been supplied so far during 2008-09 and 2010-11 (up to October, 2010) under the scheme of supply of imported edible oils to States/UTs for distribution at a subsidy @ Rs.15/kg.

(f) : in view of the (e) above does not arise.