

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1002**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

**IMPORT OF PULSES FROM KENYA**

1002. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is importing Tur dal at a price of 410 US dollars (₹ 27,000) per ton from Kenya whereas it is locally available in the country at ₹3,400/- per ton;
- (b) the stock of pulses particularly Tur dal, in Government warehouses in the country;
- (c) whether Government will continue importing pulses despite having enough stock in Government warehouses besides the stock with the traders and the farmers; and
- (d) whether Government will consider restricting the import of pulses to stabilise the prices and protect the interest of the farmers?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) Government has not imported Tur Dal from Kenya. However, import of Tur Dal by various private importers during the last three years and current year is as under:

Period	Quantity in Metric Ton	Import Value in million US\$	Import Value in Crore Rs.
2015-16	9434	10.44	68.63
2016-17	24961	19.90	133.37
2017-18	141	.07	.49
2018-19 till Oct'18	240	.06	.46

\*Figures pertaining to the financial year 2018-19 are provisional and are subject to change

- (b): As on 15.12.2018 about 1.48 LMT of Tur is available in the buffer stock under Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF). Apart from this , Tur procured at MSP under Price Support Scheme (PSS) is also available.
- (c) & (d): The Government has restricted import of pulses like tur, moong and urad with since August, 2017 with annual Quota Restriction of 5 lakh MT (2 lak MT for tur, 1.5 lakh MT each for urad and moong) in order to stabilise the prices and protect the interest of the farmers.

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