

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3399
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025**

CROPS FOR RETAIL DISPOSAL UNDER BHARAT DAL BRAND

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

- (a) the crops converted for retail disposal under Bharat Dal brand in FY 2024-25 as of February, 2025;
- (b) whether there has been a contribution of retail outlets of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and Kendriya Bhandar; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) to (c) : To make dals available to consumers at affordable prices, Bharat Dal was launched in July, 2023 by converting Chana stock in the price stabilisation buffer into Chana dal for retail sale to the consumers. As of February, 2025 the stock of Chana, Moong and Masur from the buffer have been converted to dals for retail sale under the Bharat Dal brand.

Bharat dals have been made available to consumers through the retail outlets of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED), Kendriya Bhandar, National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF), mobile vans and organized retail chains and e-commerce platforms.
