

**Government of India  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution  
Department of Consumer Affairs**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*185  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2016**

**DISTRIBUTION OF PULSES**

\*185. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:  
SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:**

- (a) the system in place for distribution of pulses to the States by the Union Government;
- (b) whether the States have been showing little interest in lifting their quota of pulses from the Central pool and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the allotment and off-take of pulses, by the States during the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether a meeting of the inter-Ministerial Committee on prices of essential commodities was held recently and if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government expects the prices of pulses to fall with the arrival of Kharif pulses in the market and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री  
(श्री राम विलास पासवान)

**THE MINISTER OF  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)**

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*185 FOR 29.11.2016 REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF PULSES.**

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(a) to (c): Although India is the largest consumer, importer and producer of pulses in the world, there is a huge demand and supply gap on account of increasing demand. To fill this gap and to stabilize the prices of pulses, the Government has approved creation of buffer stock of pulses of up to 20 lakh tonnes with support from the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) scheme. As and when required, pulses from the buffer stock are released to the States and the Central agencies for effective market intervention. Under PSF scheme, pulses from the buffer stock are being allocated to the States/UTs on the basis of specific requests received from them. States/UTs which have indicated requirement of pulses from the buffer stock are Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Andaman & Nicobar, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Karnataka, Haryana, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Meghalaya. Till date, around 48,660.285 tonnes of pulses has been allocated from the buffer stock to the States or through Central Agencies, as per details at **Annexure-I**.

(d) : Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) to review the prices of essential commodities on weekly basis was constituted on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015. So far, 56 meetings of the committee have been held. In these meetings, issues relating to price rise of essential food commodities are discussed and recommendations made thereof are taken up with concerned Departments for implementation. Recent policy decisions taken on the basis of recommendations by IMC include reduction in import duty of edible Palm oil from 12.5 per cent to 7.5 per cent for Crude Palm Oil of edible grade and from 20 per cent to 15 per cent for Refined Palm Oil of edible grade.; reduced import duty on Potatoes from 30% to 10% till end October 2016; etc.

(e) : Over the year, there has been a fall (**Annexure-II**) in the prices of major pulses on account of the decision to create a strategic buffer stock of 20 lakh tonnes of essential pulses; procurement of pulses at Minimum Support Prices (MSP); monitoring of prices on regular basis; zero import duty on pulses; and estimated higher production of Kharif pulses. However, Chana prices are still ruling high as there has been huge deficit in supply both domestic as well as overseas. As per the 1<sup>st</sup> Advance Estimates, 2016-17 released by DAC&FW, the Kharif pulses production estimates is 8.70 million tonnes against 5.54 million tonnes in 2015-16 i.e. a rise of 57.04% from the previous year.

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*185 FOR 29.11.2016 REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF PULSES.**

Allocation of pulses from buffer stock in MT (as on 21.11.2016)													
A) State/UT		Tur				Urad				Chana			
		Monthly Demand	Allocation	Lifted	Paid	Overall Demand	Allocation	Lifted	Paid	Overall Demand	Allocation	Lifted	Paid
1	Chhattisgarh	1000	1064.083	587.780	587.780								
2	Maharashtra	7000	4352.286	774.089	776.813					700	700.000		
3	Bihar	16500	Allocated to A.P. & Nagaland										
4	Andaman & Nicobar^	340	559.344			340	340						
5	Andhra Pradesh	5000	11421.844	4426.519	4426.519	2000	2000	2000	2000	10000	5084.791		
6	Tamil Nadu	3000	4090.847	2587.000	2587.000	5000	5000	2625	2625				
7	Telangana	4549	3958.665	1999.365	1999.365								
8	Madhya Pradesh	1000	1674.020	569.091	738.103								
9	Rajasthan(total demand)	1000	Allocated to A.P.			1000	1000, allocation cancelled						
10	Gujarat	6500	1306.162	1306.162	1306.162								
11	Karnataka	1250	705.093	705.093	705.093								
12	Haryana					1000	1000	1000	1000				
13	Nagaland	1000	Allocated to A.P.							5000	2500.89		
14	Himachal Pradesh					200	200						
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>48139</b>	<b>29132.344</b>	<b>12955.079</b>	<b>13124.091</b>	<b>9540</b>	<b>8540</b>	<b>5625</b>	<b>5625</b>	<b>15700</b>	<b>8285.681</b>		
B) Delhi		Demand	Allocation	Lifted	Paid	Demand	Allocation	Lifted	Paid	Demand	Allocation	Lifted	Paid
1	Kendriya Bhandar	500	500	500	500	200	200.000	200.165	200	600	600	500.000	500
2	Safal	300	300	300	300	100	102.260	100.000	100	100	100	100.000	100
3	NCCF	100	100	50	50	100	100.000	25.000	25	300	300	101.935	100
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>402.260</b>	<b>325.165</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>701.935</b>	<b>700</b>
C) Uttar Pradesh through NCCF		--	--	--	--	100	100.000			100	100		
D) West Bengal through NCCF		--	--	--	--	50	50.000			50	50		
E) Maharashtra through NCCF		--	--	--	--	50	50.000			50	50		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200.000</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>49039</b>	<b>30032.344</b>	<b>13805.079</b>	<b>13974.091</b>	<b>10140</b>	<b>9142.260</b>	<b>5950.165</b>	<b>5950</b>	<b>16900</b>	<b>9485.681</b>	<b>701.935</b>	<b>700</b>

^: Informed that its allocation may be allocated to other States/UTs

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**ANNEXURE-II****STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*185 FOR 29.11.2016 REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF PULSES.****All-India Retail Price Trends of major pulses over the year**

Items	All-India Daily Average Retail Price (Rs/kg)								
	Price As On	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	6 Months Ago	1 Year Ago	% Variation over			
	24/11/2016	24/10/2016	24/08/2016	24/05/2016	24/11/2015	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
<b>Gram Dal</b>	<b>125.6</b>	117.26	99.73	74.17	69.57	7.11	25.94	69.34	54.84
<b>Tur Dal</b>	<b>117.67</b>	120.86	129.9	141.09	150.38	-2.64	-9.41	-16.6	40.44
<b>Urad Dal</b>	<b>117.36</b>	123.66	142.22	152.84	141.05	-5.09	-17.48	-23.21	50.25
<b>Moong Dal</b>	<b>83.65</b>	85.48	91.67	100.02	108.1	-2.14	-8.75	-16.37	-1.85
<b>Masoor Dal</b>	<b>81.54</b>	82.86	85.18	82.85	89.59	-1.59	-4.27	-1.58	3.9

Source:- States/UTs Civil Supplies Deptts.

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