

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1011**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2016**

**COMMITTEE FOR PULSES**

1011. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up a committee to study and suggest ways to contain rising prices of pulses, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Committee would also consider MSP and bonus being given to pulse growers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other measures being contemplated by the Government to encourage pulse cultivation in the country?

**ANSWER**

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री  
(श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE**  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)**

(a) : Government had set up a Committee on 'Incentivizing Pulses Production Through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Related Policies' under the Chairmanship of Dr. Arvind Subramanian, Chief Economic Advisor, Department of Economic Affairs.

(b) : The Committee recommended inclusion of factor such as risk and externalities in determination of MSP as well for pulses and other commodities.

(c) : The other measures for enhancing domestic production of pulses include enhancing productivity and crop area under pulses through various schemes and promoting Research & Development for evolving better varieties.

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