

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2955
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th MARCH, 2017

IMPORT OF PULSES

2955. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:
SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- the total quantity of pulses imported into the country during the last three years and the current year along with the rates at which pulses have been imported during the said period;
- whether the Government proposes to import pulses to cater to the domestic demand and if so, the details thereof along with the scheme, if any, prepared to check the prices of pulses;
- whether there are any Government-to-Government agreements to import pulses from other countries and if so, the details of such agreements entered into during the said period and those which are proposed;
- the reasons for not having buffer stock policy for pulses in the country as we have for paddy and wheat;
- the details of MSP and bonus given to various kinds of pulses during the period year-wise, rabi and kharif crop-wise and variety-wise; and
- whether there are any plans to have crop-neutral incentive structure like wheat and rice and if so, the details thereon?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) The total quantity of pulses imported into the country during the last three years and the current year along with the rates at which pulses have been imported during the said period is as under:

| 2013-14 | | | 2014-15 | | | 2015-16 | | | 2016-17(APRIL JANUARY)* | | | - | | | |
|---------|----|--------------|-------------|---------|----|--------------|-------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------|----|--------------|-------------|
| QTY TON | IN | VALUE IN INR | Rate in KGS | QTY TON | IN | VALUE IN INR | Rate in KGS | QTY TON | IN | VALUE IN INR | Rate in KGS | QTY TON | IN | VALUE IN INR | Rate in KGS |
| 3643705 | | 12793 | 35.11 | 4584843 | | 17063 | 37.22 | 5797702 | | 25619 | 44.19 | 5420652 | | 23550 | 43.44 |

(Source: DGCI&S)/* Provisional

(b) to (d): The decision of the Government to import pulses towards building buffer stock is guided by domestic price and availability position. In view of the bumper production of kharif pulses, no import is being undertaken by the Government other than those already contracted when prices and availability position were difficult. For building buffer stock of pulses, Government through MMTC contracted import of 70,000 MT of Desi Chick Peas during 2016-17 of which only 52,315 MT arrived. The Government has approved creation of buffer stock of pulses upto 20 lakh tonnes under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF). In addition, the Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mozambique for import of pulses on Government-to-Government (G2G) basis during 2016-17.

(e)& (f) The details of MSP and bonus given to various kinds of pulses crop-wise (rabi and kharif) and variety-wise for the last three years and current year is given below. **The higher MSPs of pulses is for diversifying the areas from other crops.**

| Commodity | Crop Year | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|---------------------|---------|-------|---------------------|---------|-------|---------------------|---------|-------|---------------------|
| | 2013-14 | | | 2014-15 | | | 2015-16 | | | 2016-17 | | |
| | MSP | Bonus | MSP including Bonus | MSP | Bonus | MSP including Bonus | MSP | Bonus | MSP including Bonus | MSP | Bonus | MSP including Bonus |
| KHARIF CROPS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ARHAR(Tur) | 4300 | - | 4300 | 4350 | - | 4350 | 4425 | 200 | 4625 | 4600 | 450 | 5050 |
| MOONG | 4500 | - | 4500 | 4600 | - | 4600 | 4650 | 200 | 4850 | 4775 | 450 | 5225 |
| URAD | 4300 | - | 4300 | 4350 | - | 4350 | 4425 | 200 | 4625 | 4550 | 450 | 5000 |
| RABI CROPS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GRAM | 3100 | - | 3100 | 3175 | - | 3175 | 3425 | 75 | 3500 | 3800 | 200 | 4000 |
| MASUR(LENTIL) | 2950 | - | 2950 | 3075 | - | 3075 | 3325 | 75 | 3400 | 3800 | 150 | 3950 |

(Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics)
