

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3003**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2017**

**ESTIMATED DEMAND OF PULSES**

3003. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- (a) the average annual estimated demand of pulses in the country during each of the last three years, variety-wise;
- (b) whether it is true that in the recently held BRICS Summit, India sought help from some of BRICS countries and if so, the details of cooperation sought and response received therefrom; and
- (c) whether any BRICS country is exploring opportunities of investment in agriculture sector in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**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) : As per the Report of Working Group on Food grains-Balancing Demand & Supply During 12<sup>th</sup> Five Years Plan, the average annual estimated demand of pulses in the country was 21.77 million tonnes in 2013-14, 22.68 million tonnes in 2014-15 and 23.62 million tonnes in 2015-16. At present, there are no official estimates available for variety-wise annual demand of pulses.

(b) & (c) : The Goa Declaration of the 8<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit, October 15-16, 2016 emphasizes the importance of BRICS cooperation in agriculture. Also, the Declaration adopted by BRICS Ministers of Agriculture in their meeting held on 23 September, 2016 agrees to promoting production of pulses in the BRICS countries and raise awareness among the people about their importance in dietary nutrition.

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