

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 353**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2017

**PRICE OF PULSES AND OILSEEDS**

353. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN: SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL: SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE: SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

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

- (a) whether the prices of pulses and oilseeds have fallen steeply even below the MSP because of record production during 2016-17 and the Government has failed to procure the stock from farmers at MSP leading them to distress sale of their produce;
- (b) if so, the details of the fall in prices of pulses and oilseeds between October, 2016 and May, 2017 and the response of the Government thereto; and
- (c) whether the prices of pulses are going up despite record production and if so, the reasons therefor?

**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) : To facilitate remunerative prices and extend MSP support to farmers, Government has procured 11.63 lakh MT of Tur, 2.19 lakh MT of Moong, 0.89 lakh MT of Urad, 0.25 lakh MT of Masur (Lentil) and 0.54 lakh MT of Chana during 2016 and 2017 under the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) scheme. In addition, procurement at MSP was also undertaken under Price Support Scheme (PSS) through which Government procured 1.21 lakh MT of Moong, 1.96 lakh MT of Tur and 0.15 lakh MT of Urad. In respect of oilseeds, under PSS, Government has procured 2.11 lakh MT of Groundnut Pods, 0.38 lakh MT of Mustard Seed, 8026.15 MT of Sunflower seeds, 4488.94 MT of Milling Copra, 1835.46 MT of Ball Copra and 162.19 MT of Soyabean.

(b) to (c) : The requisite details are at **Annexure**.

**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.353 FOR 18.07.2017 REGARDING PRICE OF PULSES AND OILSEEDS.**

**Trends in Wholesale Prices of Pulses and Oilseeds**

<b>Monthly Average Wholesale Prices of Major Pulses and Oilseeds in Rs./Quintals</b>									
<b>Year</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Moong</b>	<b>Gram</b>	<b>Urad</b>	<b>Arhar</b>	<b>Lentil (Masur)</b>	<b>Mustard</b>	<b>Groundnut</b>	<b>Soyabean</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>Oct</b>	6159	8562	8478	8532	7047	4332	4812	3131
	<b>Nov</b>	6231	8628	7935	7568	6994	4712	4857	3228
	<b>Dec</b>	6072	9117	7427	6962	6759	4683	4982	3032
<b>2017</b>	<b>Jan</b>	6094	7705	7207	6500	6570	4523	5015	3062
	<b>Feb</b>	6008	6861	6637	5947	6614	3954	4907	3025
	<b>Mar</b>	6053	6786	6525	6307	6440	3870	5105	3038
	<b>Apr</b>	6134	6403	6450	5738	6320	3818	5387	3008
	<b>May</b>	5648	6466	6307	5528	5947	3777	5220	3087
<b>Source:- Agmarknet, DMI, DAC&amp;FW</b>									

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