

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2332
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2018

PRODUCTION OF PULSES

2332. SHRI CHHOTE LAL:

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

- (a) whether it is true that Kharif crop output of pulses have not been encouraging due to poor and unseasonal rain;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the demand and supply gap of pulses in the country; and
- (c) whether the Union Government is aware of high price of pulses in the country and if so, the steps taken by the Government to avoid shortage of pulses in the country and ensure its availability at reasonable price??

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) & (b) : As per the 1st Advance Estimates, 2017-18 released by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), the estimated production of Kharif pulses is 8.71 million tonnes in 2017-18 against 9.42 million tonnes in 2016-17 and 5.53 million tonnes in 2015-16. As per the Report of Working Group on Food grains - Balancing Demand & Supply During 12th Five Years Plan, the average annual estimated demand of pulses in the country was 24.61 million tonnes in 2016-17. The production of pulses for the same period is 22.95 million tonnes.

(c) : During 2017, there has been a decline in the prices of pulses on account of bumper production in 2016-17. To improve availability of pulses at reasonable prices, Government is promoting production of pulses through Schemes such as National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P); and, incentivizing farmers by enhancing Minimum Support Prices of pulses. In addition, Government is maintaining a buffer stock of upto 20 lakh tonnes of pulses, for appropriate effective market intervention.
