

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3967**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2018**

**BUFFER STOCK OF PULSES**

3967. SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA: DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:  
(OIH)

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

- (a) the quantum of distribution of buffer stock of pulses in lakh tonnes created in the country to ensure stability in prices by the Government;
- (b) the quantum in lakh metric tonnes of pulses available in buffer stock so far along with the quantum of pulses imported into the country; and
- (c) the quantum in lakh tonnes of pulses procured in the domestic market?

**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 has approved creation of a dynamic buffer stock of upto 20 lakh MT of pulses for effective market intervention, to moderate its prices.
- (b) : As on 14.03.2018, 13.89 lakh MT of pulses is available in the buffer after disposal of 6.61 lakh MT from a total of 20.50 lakh tonnes of pulses procured for building the buffer under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF). As per the data of Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), M/o Commerce & Industry, the total imports of pulses by India during 2017-18 (upto January) is 5.33 lakh MT.
- (c) : For building the dynamic buffer of upto 20 lakh MT of pulses, 16.71 lakh tonnes was procured domestically.

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