

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.557**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018

**SALE OF PULSES**

557. SHRI ARKA KESHARI DEO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of different varieties of pulses is likely to increase during the current year in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the farmers are selling these pulses especially Tur dal in the open market below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) set by the Government; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect these farmers?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): It is early to have a firm assessment of increase or decrease of total production of pulses in 2017-18 for the current year as the Second Advance estimate covering both Kharif and Rabi pulses are normally released in mid-February.

As per first advance estimate 2017-18, the production of Kharif pulses is estimated at 8.71 million tonnes which is lower by 0.72 million tonnes than the last year's record production of 9.42 million tonnes (as per fourth advance estimate 2016-17). However, kharif pulses estimated production in 2017-18 is 2.86 million tonnes more than average production of five years ending 2015-16. The State-wise details of production of different major varieties of kharif pulses for the current year and previous year are given at **Annexure**.

(c): During the agricultural year 2017-18 (July-June) the all-India average wholesale prices (July 2017 to January 2018) of pulses such as urad, masur and gram was above the minimum support price (MSP). However, the average wholesale prices of Tur and Moong, was below the MSP during the same period.

(d): Government implements Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) and Price Support Schemes (PSS) to protect the interest of farmers. Under the PSF, procurement of pulses for central buffer is undertaken at market prices or MSP, whichever is higher. Further, PSS is implemented for procurement through Central Nodal Agencies at the MSP wherein State Agencies play a major role. The PSS is implemented at the request of the State Governments concerned.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 557 due for reply on 06.02.2018

**State-wise Production of Kharif Pulses**

('000 Tonnes)

State	Tur		Urad		Moong		Total Pulses	
	2017-18\$	2016-17*	2017-18\$	2016-17*	2017-18\$	2016-17*	2017-18\$	2016-17*
Andhra Pradesh	113.0	132.0	34.0	49.0	15.0	17.0	207.0	205.0
Assam	5.0	6.0	35.0				40.0	6.0
Bihar	34.2	37.1	13.4	13.7	8.4	7.6	65.2	67.4
Chhattisgarh	45.3	39.6	33.3	30.0	4.3	4.0	93.3	89.2
Gujarat	320.9	401.0	83.0	117.0	64.0	69.0	484.9	604.0
Haryana	15.0	13.0	1.0	0.4	5.0	13.7	21.5	27.4
Himachal Pradesh	0.0	0.0	4.1	5.6	0.1	0.1	10.3	13.0
Jammu & Kashmir					0.5	0.6	7.4	7.4
Jharkhand	187.3	202.0	86.0	139.5	20.4	24.2	312.2	395.9
Karnataka	663.0	908.9	33.0	41.0	78.0	116.0	866.0	1126.9
Kerala	0.0	0.3					0.1	0.3
Madhya Pradesh	806.4	781.7	1387.6	770.9	142.4	122.1	2341.3	1693.7
Maharashtra	1117.0	1458.3	146.0	250.0	178.3	300.0	1494.3	2048.3
Odisha	131.1	119.8	22.1	27.3	24.5	26.9	275.6	223.8
Punjab	6.1	4.9	2.1	1.1	5.6	4.0	13.8	10.0
Rajasthan	10.4	15.7	243.5	250.0	684.5	783.6	1350.8	1552.4
Tamilnadu	39.1	42.7	38.3	46.8	13.7	19.6	117.8	140.1
Telangana	134.0	214.2	19.0	33.0	49.0	82.0	203.0	330.2
Uttar Pradesh	326.0	363.0	278.0	321.0	22.0	18.0	626.0	702.0
Uttarakhand	3.0	3.0	10.0	12.0			36.0	38.0
West Bengal	2.4	2.7	42.0	46.0	1.6	1.3	47.1	50.7
Others	28.6	31.7	20.6	15.3	4.4	5.2	92.1	90.6
All-India	3987.7	4777.8	2531.9	2169.5	1321.7	1615.0	8705.7	9422.3

\* As per 4th Advance Estimates.      \$ As per 1st Advance Estimates.

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