

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4559
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.01.2019

STOCK OF PULSES

4559. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE: SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT: DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE: SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE: SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL: SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government has hired a consultant to advise it on engaging a professional agency for efficient management of buffer stock of pulses that is being created for use in times of price rise;
- (b) if so, the reasons for engaging private consultant;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed target of 20 lakh tonnes buffer stock of pulses; and
- (d) if so, the details of the buffer stock of pulses built so far?

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): PwC was selected and engaged through an open tender process, in which participation by all interested and eligible agencies, whether Government or Private, was permitted.

(c) & (d): Government approved creation of a dynamic buffer of up to 20 lakh MT (LMT) of pulses. A buffer stock of 20.50 LMT of pulses consisting of 13.66 LMT Tur, 1.36 LMT Urad, 1.73 LMT Chana, 1.66 LMT Masur and 2.10 LMT Moong was built under Price Stabilization Fund.
