

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1044 (OIH)  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

**INCREASE IN PRICES OF PULSES**

1044. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:  
(OIH)

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 paid its attention to unexpected increase in the prices of various pulses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the year-wise and the State-wise production, quantity and availability of pulses during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for procurement of pulses with the objective of minimising the effect of the scarcity of pulses;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the country-wise details of the quantity of pulses imported and the price of the pulses during the said period; and
- (g) the steps taken to become self-reliant in the field of pulses production?

**ANSWER**

**उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री  
(साध्वी निरंजन ज्योति)**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

- (a) & (b) : Department of Consumer Affairs monitors the daily retail and wholesale prices of 22 essential food commodities, including pulses, submitted by the 450 price monitoring centres that have been set up with Central assistance by the State Governments and UT Administrations across the country. The daily report of prices and indicative price trends are duly analysed for taking appropriate decisions such as release of stocks from the pulses buffer, stock disclosure by stockholding entities, imposition of stock limits, import policy etc.
- (c) : The year-wise and State-wise production of pulses during the last three years is at **Annexure-I**.

(d) & (e) : The Government implements the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme under which pulses are procured at Minimum Support Price (MSP) to ensure remunerative prices to farmers for increasing production and productivity. In addition, the Government also procures pulses from the farmers under the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) for the buffer. Stock of pulses are maintained in the PSF buffer to stabilise the volatility in prices, discourage hoarding and unscrupulous speculation and protect the consumer by making it available at reasonable prices through calibrated release of stock in the market and supplies to States for welfare schemes.

(f) : Country-wise details of the quantity of pulses imported and corresponding values of the imports are at **Annexure II**.

(g) : To increase pulses production, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DAFW) implements the National Food Security Mission Programme (NFSM) in identified districts across the country. The NFSM-Pulses is being implemented in 644 districts of 28 States and 2 Union Territories of the country (J&K and Ladakh). Under NFSM-Pulses assistance is given to farmers for interventions like cluster demonstrations on improved package of practices, demonstrations on cropping system, distribution of seeds of High Yielding Varieties (HYVs)/ hybrids, improved farm machineries/ resource conservation machineries/ tools, efficient water application tools, plant protection measures, nutrient management/ soil ameliorants, processing and post-harvest equipment, cropping system based trainings to the farmers etc. through State Governments. In addition, the certified seeds of High Yielding Varieties (HYVs)/ hybrids of pulses are provided in the form the seed minikits free of cost to the farmers.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1044 FOR 08.02.2023 REGARDING INCREASE IN PRICES OF PULSES

<b>Production of Total Pulses</b>			
	<b>(in '000 Tonnes)</b>		
<b>State/UT</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22*</b>
Andhra Pradesh	1166.72	1094.61	1088.03
Arunachal Pradesh	14.15	14.3	#
Assam	106.07	108.7	118.63
Bihar	334.41	376.85	363.73
Chhattisgarh	241.28	447.52	387.53
Goa	3.86	3.75	#
Gujarat	1057.27	1809.16	2688.97
Haryana	64.38	72.66	105.61
Himachal Pradesh	55.19	60.2	60.45
Jammu & Kashmir	44.17	10.08	#
Jharkhand	814.94	905.36	898.04
Karnataka	2155.89	2065.03	1967.87
Kerala	2.18	1.92	1.47
Madhya Pradesh	4108.41	5294.7	6032.5
Maharashtra	3736	4321.23	5192.41
Manipur	25.19	29.37	#
Meghalaya	12.02	12.04	#
Mizoram	5.48	5.94	#
Nagaland	46.78	47.14	#
Odisha	432.46	431.17	462.92
Punjab	29.2	31.08	73.23
Rajasthan	4497.13	4252.02	4019.39
Sikkim	5.04	4.95	#
Tamil Nadu	605.41	472.47	473.04
Telangana	549.18	589.75	540.52
Tripura	18.67	20.26	#
Uttar Pradesh	2447.32	2475.89	2562.87
Uttarakhand	57.79	61.31	63.08
West Bengal	384.89	441.91	427.05
A & N Islands	0.3	0.26	#
D & N Haveli	2.43		#
Delhi	0	0	#
Daman & Diu	0.34	0	#
UT of Ladakh		1.1	#
Puducherry	0.52	0.41	#
Others	NA	NA	164.73
<b>All India</b>	<b>23025.25</b>	<b>25463.12</b>	<b>27692.05</b>

\*- As per 4th Advance Estimates

#- Included in others, NA- Not Applicable

Source: Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (F) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1044 FOR 08.02.2023 REGARDING INCREASE IN PRICES OF PULSES.****Country-wise details of the quantity of pulses imported and corresponding values**

COUNTRY	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	Quantity (Metric Ton)	Value (US \$ Million)	Quantity (Metric Ton)	Value (US \$ Million)	Quantity (Metric Ton)	Value (US \$ Million)
AFGHANISTAN	8435	8	498	1	22252	24
ALGERIA	121	0				
ARGENTINA	22099	10	5583	2	10443	9
AUSTRALIA	123518	54	146487	84	157933	124
AUSTRIA	6269	2				
BANGLADESH PR			5	0		
BRAZIL	40409	33	24206	23	57771	72
BULGARIA	3206	1	568	0		
CANADA	1079362	404	963687	523	526729	411
CHINA P RP	49984	52	38688	46	15676	25
DJIBOUTI	17198	11	13337	11	10946	11
EGYPT A RP			498	0		
ETHIOPIA	36979	21	13494	11	18980	18
GEORGIA	1	0				
GERMANY	1526	1	1131	0		
GREECE	1	0				
HONG KONG			360	0		
IRAN	195	0	345	0	468	0
IRAQ			47	0		
ITALY	464	0	40	0		
JAPAN			21	0		
KENYA	1367	1	31838	29	27394	23
KYRGHYZSTAN	570	1	226	0	1015	1
LEBANON	0	0			0	0
LITHUANIA	7453	3				
MADAGASCAR	6875	5	2240	2	2940	3
MALAWI	47075	29	3433	2	61563	44
MALAYSIA	189	0			265	0
MALDIVES						
MEXICO	824	1	3010	1	413	0
MOLDOVA	123	0				
MOROCCO	120	0				
MOZAMBIQUE	215033	140	176214	126	382993	290

MYANMAR	484963	338	446501	379	859925	759
NEPAL	15	0				
NETHERLAND	1346	0			265	0
NETHERLANDANTIL						
NICARAGUA			364	0		
NIGER			108	0		
NIGERIA	981	1	971	1	741	1
PAKISTAN IR	100	0				
PHILIPPINES	125	0				
POLAND						
QATAR	36	0	24	0		
ROMANIA	930	0				
RUSSIA	174424	59	72199	31	209	0
RWANDA	0	0			120	0
SAUDI ARAB	96	0	23	0	62	0
SINGAPORE	16443	8	13392	10	25145	22
SOUTH AFRICA	4770	5	6491	7	6710	7
SPAIN			40	0	20	0
SRI LANKA DSR	122	0	13397	8	1950	1
SUDAN	38176	23	72282	47	89446	70
SWITZERLAND	555	0				
TAIWAN					0	0
TANZANIA REP	167751	103	300935	194	354453	263
THAILAND	692	1			96	0
TURKEY	122084	45	29618	17	6956	8
TURKMENISTAN					150	0
U ARAB EMTS	33153	14	33955	23	29772	23
U K	1853	1	48	0	1	0
U S A	80448	36	31821	18	2885	2
UGANDA	2542	1	13804	9	18796	15
UKRAINE	91057	25	1906	1	175	0
UNSPECIFIED	48	0	19	0	25	0
URUGUAY					87	0
UZBEKISTAN	1107	1	600	1	1524	2
VENEZUELA	4597	4	1705	1	2400	2
VIETNAM SOC REP	207	0				
ZAMBIA	61	0				
<b>Total</b>	<b>2898078</b>	<b>1440</b>	<b>2466159</b>	<b>1612</b>	<b>2699694</b>	<b>2229</b>

Source: Directorate of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce.

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