

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2155
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023

PRICE HIKE OF MOONG AND MASOOR DAL

2155. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK (DEV):

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

- (a) the reasons for abnormal price hike of moong and masoor dal in the country;
- (b) whether the production of moong and masoor dal is sufficient to meet the demand in the country;
- (c) if not, whether the Government plans to import the above dal; and
- (d) if so, the countries from where the imports are likely to be done, quantity/amount-wise?

ANSWER

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री अश्विनी कुमार चौबे)

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) : The all-India average retail prices of moong dal has increased, on year-on-year basis, by 8.2% while the retail prices of masoor dal declined by 5.4%. The retail prices of masoor has declined over previous year due to higher availability on account of increased domestic production in 2022-23 over 2021-2022. The rate of increase in retail prices of moong is in line with the increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP).

(b) to (d) : The estimated production of moong in 2022-23 is 37.40 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) which is sufficient to meet the estimated domestic demand of about 27 LMT. In respect of masoor, the estimated domestic production of 15.80 LMT is not sufficient to meet the estimated domestic demand of about 22 LMT, annually. As per current policy, the import of masoor is under 'free' category and moong is under 'restricted' category. In 2022-23, a total of 8.58 LMT of masoor had been imported, out of which, 4.85 LMT was from Canada and 3.55 LMT from Australia.
