

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1668

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY THE 2ND MARCH, 2020
PHALGUNA 12, 1941 (SAKA)

GST ON PULSES

†1668. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 5 per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST) is levied on branded pulses by the Government and non-branded pulses are exempted from the GST and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of Government's annual earning levying 5 per cent GST on branded pulses;
- (c) whether the Government proposes or thinks to replace 5 per cent GST on branded pulses by 1 per cent GST on all types of pulses to earn more revenues; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it will be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

- (a): GST at the rate of 5% is leviable on packaged branded pulses where brand owner retains enforceable rights, on such brands. Other pulses are exempt from GST.
- (b): Gross GST payable on such goods in 2018-19 was approximately Rs 320 Crores.
- (c) & (d): The GST rates are prescribed on the recommendation of the GST Council. At present there is no such recommendation from the Council.
