

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1996
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD MARCH, 2020

PRICE OF PULSES

1996. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is concerned about the low price of pulses for the continuous five years;
- (b) if so, the details of the action plan to ensure fair prices for the farmers;
- (c) the details of the production of pulses during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has any action plan to increase the price of pulses in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to export pulses and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): The prices of agricultural produce are determined by supply and demand conditions in the market on a day-to-day basis. Apart from demand and supply conditions, quality of produce, weather condition, seasonality, availability of stocks and international prices are also affecting the prices of agricultural produce. Price of agricultural produce tends to fall during and after harvesting season due to increase in market arrival of new crops.

The annual average wholesale prices of major pulses for the last five crop years are given below:

Pulses	Annual Average Wholesale Prices (Rs. per Qtl.)					
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (upto Jan '20)
Arhar	5082	8226	5824	4275	4727	5631
Moong	7226	7690	5755	5282	5742	6549
Urad	5938	9852	8107	5328	5104	6067
Gram	3641	5194	7504	5123	4630	4658
Masur	5794	6863	5816	4362	4411	4997

Source : Directorate of Economics & Statistics, DAC&FW

The Government ensures fair prices for farmers through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and procurement of pulses under Price Support Scheme (PSS) and Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF).

(c): The details of State/UT wise production of major pulses in the country for the last three years are given at **Annexure I**.

(d)&(e): The recently launched Umbrella Scheme “Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan” (PM-AASHA), comprising the Price Support Scheme (PSS), provides for a holistic arrangement for assurance of a remunerative and stable price environment for farmers.

The Government fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) of 22 mandated agricultural crops, including five major pulses, on the basis of recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other relevant factors. The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSPs at levels of one and half times the cost of production. Accordingly, Government had increased MSPs for major pulses in 2018-19 and 2019-20. The MSP for pulses for the Crop years 2014-15 to 2019-20 is given at **Annexure-II**.

(f): The Government has allowed export of all varieties of pulses, including organic pulses, without any quantitative ceilings in November 2017. However, for export through non-EDI (non-Electronic Data Interchange) Land Customs Stations (LCS), the exporter will have to do prior-registration of quantity with Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). Till date, no export restriction has been imposed on pulses.

**Annexure- I referred to in reply to Unstarred Lok Sabha Question
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State/UT wise Production of Arhar during the last three crop years

Production : ('000 tonnes)

State	Arhar		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Karnataka	908.86	762.29	947.61
Maharashtra	1495.75	1127.80	834.48
Gujarat	401.00	336.85	307.51
Uttar Pradesh	363.00	331.35	272.08
Jharkhand	235.77	222.21	234.27
Telangana	261.00	263.34	191.51
Madhya Pradesh	781.74	839.00	180.20
Odisha	119.82	123.69	147.23
Tamilnadu	37.05	53.81	51.64
Andhra Pradesh	133.00	119.97	45.50
Chhattisgarh	39.60	34.68	32.41
Bihar	33.17	28.62	31.67
Rajasthan	19.43	12.66	9.09
West Bengal	3.70	5.85	5.56
Assam	4.91	4.67	4.62
Tripura	3.77	4.13	4.28
Nagaland	2.89	2.92	2.92
Uttarakhand	3.00	3.87	2.42
Punjab	4.90	2.68	2.41
Haryana	13.00	4.50	2.30
D&N Havelli	4.50	1.55	2.03
Meghalaya	1.52	1.53	1.53
Arunachal Pradesh	0.64	0.66	0.71
Manipur	0.61	0.60	0.56
Kerala	0.28	0.32	0.44
Mizoram	0.31	0.25	0.33
A&N Islands	-	-	0.10
Himachal Pradesh	0.02	0.02	-
All-India	4873.24	4289.82	3315.44

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics, DAC&FW

State/UT wise Production of Moong during the last three crop years

Production : ('000 tonnes)			
Moong			
State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Rajasthan	810.22	742.45	1222.2
Madhya Pradesh	295.80	265.75	280.3
Maharashtra	259.70	158.54	203.8
Karnataka	115.50	135.26	142.6
Bihar	119.88	125.68	118.5
Andhra Pradesh	66.00	91.88	84.7
Tamilnadu	56.10	78.24	76.8
Odisha	133.62	91.52	70.8
Uttar Pradesh	52.00	45.91	55.7
Gujarat	84.00	84.72	49.1
Telangana	92.00	64.52	48.2
West Bengal	3.03	51.77	31.8
Jharkhand	24.24	23.58	22.7
Punjab	20.20	18.49	16.7
Haryana	13.70	24.39	12.5
Assam	7.42	8.04	7.7
Chhattisgarh	7.30	6.35	5.8
Tripura	1.97	2.80	2.6
Arunachal Pradesh	1.28	1.30	1.3
Nagaland	-	0.51	0.6
Manipur	0.5	0.50	0.5
Puducherry	0.10	0.58	0.3
Jammu & Kashmir	0.46	0.24	0.2
Himachal Pradesh	0.14	0.09	0.1
A&N Islands	0.22	0.06	0.02
All-India	2165.36	2023.18	2455.37

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics, DAC&FW

State/UT wise Production of Urad during the last three crop years

State	Production : ('000 tonnes)		
	Urad		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Madhya Pradesh	816.88	1347.81	1190.65
Rajasthan	305.47	523.72	376.12
Uttar Pradesh	353.00	314.03	325.31
Andhra Pradesh	329.00	370.94	310.56
Tamilnadu	273.96	301.57	274.46
Maharashtra	183.10	121.45	154.45
Jharkhand	139.41	128.64	108.20
Gujarat	119.00	86.52	73.56
West Bengal	57.01	63.07	51.87
Karnataka	43.00	68.82	42.92
Assam	38.89	39.83	39.81
Telangana	43.00	31.10	30.22
Chhattisgarh	31.90	31.19	29.34
Odisha	49.41	28.70	19.04
Uttarakhand	12.00	10.58	10.42
Bihar	11.49	7.05	7.31
Himachal Pradesh	5.61	4.62	4.69
Tripura	8.91	3.45	3.10
Sikkim	2.72	2.50	2.54
Manipur	1.63	1.58	1.38
Nagaland	1.13	0.68	1.18
Punjab	1.10	0.93	1.11
D&N Havelli	0.99	0.90	1.02
Haryana	0.40	-	0.40
Puducherry	0.45	0.37	0.31
Arunachal pradesh	2.20	2.27	-
All-India	2831.89	3492.42	3060.00

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics, DAC&FW

State/UT wise Production of Gram during the last three crop years

State	Production : ('000 tonnes)		
	Gram		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Madhya Pradesh	3544.20	4595.02	3996.7
Rajasthan	1409.39	1688.85	1839.5
Maharashtra	1719.01	1834.28	1396.9
Uttar Pradesh	626.00	578.66	727.6
Karnataka	592.00	783.04	574.5
Chhattisgarh	359.90	320.93	329.9
Andhra Pradesh	381.00	588.64	242.8
Gujarat	183.00	376.51	234.9
Jharkhand	247.41	285.74	221.2
Telangana	132.00	147.05	163.2
Bihar	66.50	67.19	67.7
Haryana	44.00	36.00	62.2
West Bengal	28.50	36.80	42.3
Odisha	30.97	25.63	23.8
Tamilnadu	3.39	4.82	5.4
Punjab	2.20	2.01	2.5
Meghalaya	1.97	1.98	2.0
Assam	1.58	1.56	1.6
Uttarakhand	1.00	0.78	0.8
Manipur	0.74	0.77	0.8
Nagaland	0.62	0.66	0.6
Kerala	1.43	1.72	0.5
Himachal Pradesh	0.40	0.37	0.4
Tripura	0.20	0.19	0.2
D&N Havelli	0.11	-	0.1
All-India	9377.56	11379.19	9937.99

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics, DAC&FW

State/UT wise Production of Masur during the last three crop years**Production : ('000 tonnes)**

State	Masur		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Uttar Pradesh	372.28	498.04	488.4
Madhya Pradesh	447.24	679.00	329.6
Bihar	146.88	147.56	148.1
West Bengal	81.00	154.90	141.4
Jharkhand	53.66	62.50	50.1
Rajasthan	75.88	33.67	23.0
Assam	15.66	21.03	19.6
Uttarakhand	8.00	6.96	9.7
Odisha	5.88	5.62	5.1
Chhattisgarh	7.00	4.59	5.0
Tripura	2.54	2.07	1.9
Nagaland	1.70	1.76	1.8
Meghalaya	0.00	1.39	1.4
Haryana	4.50	0.87	0.8
Manipur	0.66	0.67	0.7
Punjab	0.40	0.45	0.5
Himachal Pradesh	0.36	0.39	0.4
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	0.4
Andhra Pradesh	0.20	0.25	-
Jammu & Kashmir	0.03	0.12	-
All-India	1223.85	1621.81	1227.82

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics, DAC&FW

**Annexure- II referred to in reply to Unstarred Lok Sabha Question No. 1996 Due
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**Minimum Support Price Announced by Government of India for the Crop
Years, 2014-15 to 2019-20**

(Unit: Rs. Per Quintal)

Pulses	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Arhar	4350	4625^	5050^^	5450^	5675	5800
Moong	4600	4850^	5225^^	5575^	6975	7050
Urad	4350	4625^	5000^^	5400^	5600	5700
Gram	3175	3500**	4000^	4400@	4620	4875
Masur	3075	3400**	3950@	4250*	4475	4800

^ including bonus of Rs. 200/Qtl.

^^ including bonus of Rs. 425/Qtl.

* including bonus of Rs. 100/Qtl.

** including bonus of Rs. 75/Qtl.

@ including bonus of Rs. 150/Qtl.
