

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3349
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2021

IMPORT OF PULSES TO CHECK PRICES

3349. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

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 proposes to import pulses to improve availability and check prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the production, demand and import of pulses during each of the last three years and the imports proposed during the current year along with the other steps being taken to check its hoarding/ blackmarketing and prices; and
- (c) whether the Government has formulated or proposes any long term strategy to check the rising prices of pulses as well as to protect the interest of the farmers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री दानवे रावसाहेब दादाराव)

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The notification for the annual import quota of 4 Lakh MT (LMT) of Urad for fiscal year 2021-22 has been issued.

The details pertaining to production and import of pulses during each of the last three years is given below:

Table 1: Production and Import of Pulses

Pulse	Production of Pulses (LMT)			Import of Pulses (LMT)		
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 [^]	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 [*]
Tur	33.20	38.90	38.80	5.31	4.50	4.40
Urad	30.60	20.80	24.50	4.90	3.12	3.21
Masoor	12.30	11.00	13.50	2.49	8.54	11.01
Moong	24.60	25.10	26.20	0.84	0.69	0.52
Gram	99.40	118.00	116.20	1.86	3.71	2.91

Source: DACFW, [^]2nd Advance Estimates Source: DGCIS, ^{*}Up to 7.3.2021

The Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980, empowers the Government to regulate prices, production, supply, distribution and prevention of hoarding and black marketing of essential commodities for maintaining their supplies and for securing their availability at fair prices.

(c) : The National Food Security Mission (NFSM) aims to increase domestic production of pulses through enhanced productivity, crop area expansion under pulses and promoting research and development for evolving better varieties. In addition, the Government announces Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated crops to ensure remunerative prices to farmers.
