

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3800
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024

AVAILABILITY OF PULSES

3800. DR. RAJESH MISHRA:
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Will the Minister of **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the policy measures undertaken by the Government to ensure availability of pulses across the country including the hilly areas of Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts of Assam; and
- (b) the outcomes thereof?

ANSWER

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री बी.एल. वर्मा)

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) & (b) : Department of Consumer Affairs maintains buffer stock of pulses under Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) for appropriate market interventions to arrest the price volatility in pulses and to make pulses available to the consumers at affordable prices. Pulses are procured and stored for regulated release to help contain prices for ensuring welfare of the consumers.

Apart from market releases, Department of Consumer Affairs supplies pulses to States/UTs for their welfare scheme like PDS, MDM and ICDS to meet the requirement for welfare and nutrition programmes. Recently, Department of Consumer Affairs has allocated a quantity of 10,000 MT of raw Masur to Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Assam for its welfare schemes.

To make dals available to consumers at affordable prices, Bharat Dal was launched in July, 2023 by converting Chana stock in the PSF into Chana dal for retail disposal. The Bharat Chana Dal was made available to consumers at subsidized rates of Rs.60 per kg for 1 kg pack and Rs.55 per kg for 30 kg pack, till 30 September, 2024. A quantity of 12.32 lakh MT of Bharat Chana Dal has been sold to retail consumers across the country.

To continue the intervention, an additional quantity of 3 LMT of chana stock had been allocated for retail distribution under Bharat (Chana) dal phase-II till 31 December, 2024. The allocated Chana stock is being sold in Dal form and Whole form in 1 kg pack at MRP of Rs. 70/kg for Chana Dal and Rs.58/kg for Chana Whole.

Similarly, Moong and Masur Stocks in the buffer are converted to dals for retail sale under the Bharat Brand. Bharat Moong dal (Dhuli) is being sold at MRP of Rs. 107 per kg and Bharat Moong sabut is being sold at MRP of Rs. 93 per kg. Bharat Masur dal is being sold at MRP of Rs. 89 per kg. The Bharat Dals are being distributed through own retail outlets and mobile vans of NCCF, NAFED and Kendriya Bhandar, outlets of big chain retailers and e-commerce platforms to reach maximum numbers of consumers.
