

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3018
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025

UTILIZATION OF FUNDS UNDER PSF SCHEME

3018. SMT. SHAMBHAVI:
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SHRI NARESH GANPAT MHASKE:
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Will the Minister of **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise allocation and utilization of funds under the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) scheme from 2014 – March, 2025 for Maharashtra and Bihar;
- (b) the details of price stabilization operations conducted in the above States during the said period including the commodities involved;
- (c) the quantity of pulses and onions procured and disposed of under the PSF buffer stock by Central and State agencies in these States during the last five years;
- (d) the role and contribution of the State-level PSF Management Committees in enhancing market interventions including details of interest-free advances provided; and
- (e) the Government's plans to expand the buffer stock of pulses or onions and strengthen PSF-related operations in the future?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) to (c) : The quantity of pulses procured from Maharashtra and Bihar along with amount of funds utilised for the procurement under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) since its inception till March, 2025 are given at **Annexure**. Apart from pulses, the annual procurement of onions under PSF have been made majorly from Maharashtra since 2017-18. During 2024-25, a quantity of 4.65 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of Onion worth Rs.1033 crore has been procured by Central Agencies from Maharashtra during Rabi 2024 season.

(d) : The State-level Price Stabilization Fund (SLPSF) has been introduced for States to undertake market interventions to maintain price stability in agri-horticultural commodities. The SLPF is managed by the State-level PSF Management Committees set up by respective States and the Committee is responsible for decisions pertaining to the procurement, storage and disposal of the agri-horticultural commodities to protect the consumers from extreme price volatility. SLPSF Corpus is created on 50:50 sharing basis between the Central and State (75:25 for North Eastern States). The 7 States which have set up SLPSF and the amount of Central share released are: Andhra Pradesh (Rs.50 crore), Telangana (Rs.9.15 crore), West Bengal (Rs.2.50 crore), Odisha (Rs.25 crore), Assam (Rs.75 crore), Tamil Nadu (Rs.2.50 crore) and Nagaland (Rs.37.50 crore).

(e) : The size of buffer stock of pulses and onion being maintained for market intervention are dynamic as per requirement of the price stabilisation intervention.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3018 FOR 19.03.2025 REGARDING UTILIZATION OF FUNDS UNDER PSF SCHEME.

Pulses procured under PSF in Maharashtra and Bihar during different seasons			
COMMODITY & SEASON	STATE	Quantity procured (in MT)	Amount Rs. in crore
Tur Kharif 2015	Maharashtra	22,247.64	196.31
Urad Kharif 2015	Maharashtra	54.42	0.59
Gram R-16	Maharashtra	4,911.03	30.91
Masur R-16	Bihar	16.15	0.11
Moong K-16	Maharashtra	297.56	1.55
Urad K-16	Maharashtra	15,591.62	110.33
Tur Kharif 2016	Maharashtra	3,14,007.45	1585.74
Tur MSP K-16	Maharashtra	90,207.50	455.54
Masoor R-21	Bihar	47.48	0.32
URAD K-21	Maharashtra	8.98	0.06
Tur K-21	Maharashtra	1,105.04	6.96
Tur K-22	Maharashtra	3,998.05	33.34
Tur K-23	Maharashtra	775.46	7.75
Chana R-23	Maharashtra	16,251.91	86.7
Chana R- 24	Maharashtra	103.86	0.56
Total		4,69,624.15	2,516.77
