

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3187
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025

PRICE STABILISATION FUND

3187. SHRI RAO RAJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to regulate the supply of pulses, onions and potatoes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plans to continue allocating a Price Stabilisation Fund in order to regulate the price of the aforementioned commodities in the future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) : To stabilise the volatility in the prices of certain agri-horticultural commodities Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) was set up in 2014-15. Under this scheme, dynamic buffer stock of pulses (Tur, Urad, Moong, Masur and Gram) and Onions has been created over the years. The buffer stock maintained under the PSF are released in calibrated manner to stabilize prices and reduce price volatility by ensuring availability of these food commodities at affordable prices to the consumers. In an effort to stabilize pulse prices and prevent hoarding, Government has mandated that various entities involved in the pulses supply chain, including importers, millers, stockists, retailer, traders, regularly disclose their stock levels on stock declaration portal of Department of consumer affairs. These measure aims to enhance market transparency and ensure adequate availability of pulses for consumers at affordable prices.

(c) & (d) : Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) has been approved as a sub-component of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare during 15th Finance Commission Cycle upto 2025-26 for undertaking price stabilisation interventions in agri-horticultural commodities. Funds for price interventions under Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) scheme are being made available through annual budgetary support and accrual of sale proceeds to the corpus fund. Adequate funds were made available by Government under PSF for intervention to stabilize the volatility in the prices of essential commodities. The details of funds allocated for PSF in past four years are given below:

| Year | Annual Budget Support (In Rs Crores) | Sale Proceeds (In Rs Crores) | Total Funds (In Rs Crores) |
|-------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 2021-22 | 2250.00 | 3939.00 | 6189.00 |
| 2022-23 | 0.01 | 4786.00 | 4786.01 |
| 2023-24 | 0.01 | 5967.00 | 5967.01 |
| 2024-25 | 7000.00 | 7073.00* | 14073.00 |
| 2025-26# | 4020.00 | - | 4020 |

*Sale Proceeds for 2024-25 is up to 5.3.2025 #Budget Estimates for 2025-26