

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*31**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.04.2016**

**SHORTAGE OF PULSES**

\*31. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:  
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** ~~miHOrk eley} [k] v} I k}fud forj.k eah~~ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a gap between the demand and supply of pulses in the country during the last year and the current year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the black-marketing/ hoarding of pulses have also played a vital role in the rise in prices of pulses in the country, if so, the number of such cases reported across the country and the corrective steps taken thereon during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the production, demand, supply and import of major pulses in the country during the said period, State/ country-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any long term strategy to check the rising price of pulses as well as to protect the interest of the farmers, if so, the details and the achievements thereof?

**ANSWER**

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**THE MINISTER OF**  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)**

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\* 31 FOR 26.04.2016 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF PULSES.**

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(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. There has been a gap between the demand and supply of pulses in the country during the last year and the current year as the domestic demand for pulses is higher than the domestic production, as indicated below:-

(in million tonnes)

Year	2014-15	2015-16
Production	17.15	17.33
Imports	4.58	5.79
Exports	0.22	0.26
Total Availability	21.51	22.86
Demand	22.68	23.66
Gap/Shortage	-1.17	-0.80

**Sources:- Niti Ayog, D/o Commerce (DOC) and D/o Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW)**

The shortfall in domestic production has been due to adverse weather conditions and the rise in demand on account of rise in population, rise in per capita income and change in food habits among others. Black-marketing/hoarding has also put pressure on prices of pulses. The details of State-wise corrective steps taken against black-marketing/hoarding in the country during the said period are at **Annexure-I**.

(c) : The details are at **Annexure-II**.

(d) : Yes, Madam. In order to check the rise in prices of pulses as well as protect the interest of farmers, Government has been implementing Price Support Scheme (PSS). The Minimum Support Price (MSP) of pulses has also been increased to encourage farmers to grow more pulses. Further, a buffer stock of pulses has been built with support from Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) both through domestic procurement directly from farmers as well as imports. All these initiatives will increase availability of pulses, thereby stabilising their prices.

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## STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) &amp; (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\* 31 FOR 26.04.2016 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF PULSES.

## A) ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT, 1955 DURING 2015 (Relating to offences under EC Act- for other than violation of stock control orders/ for violation of stock control orders)

Sl. No.	STATES/UTs	No. of Raids Conducted	No. of Persons			Value of goods Confiscated (Rs. In Lakhs)
			Arrested	Prosecuted	Convicted	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	1300	0	23	23	1056.51
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	3	1	-	-	0.01
3	ASSAM	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
4	BIHAR	299	NIL	NIL	NIL	NR
5	CHHATTISGARH	673	0	0	0	42.28
6	DELHI	24	2	NIL	NIL	NIL
7	GOA	96	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
8	GUJARAT	9098	25	16	-	112.31
9	HARYANA	3229	123	138	-	120.38
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	39314	-	-	-	31.69
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
12	JHARKHAND	140	NR	NR	NR	NR
13	KARNATAKA	4529	199	0	6	16.71
14	KERALA	8465	26	12	1	64.00
15	MADHYA PRADESH	38648	-	111	6	92.46
16	MAHARASHTRA	6302	777	277	2	4669.66
17	MANIPUR	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
18	MEGHALAYA	41	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
19	MIZORAM	141	-	-	-	-
20	NAGALAND	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
21	ODISHA	2291	NIL	NIL	NIL	0.02
22	PUNJAB	10443	-	-	-	-
23	RAJASTHAN	840	NR	NR	NR	NIL
24	SIKKIM	71	-	-	-	NIL
25	TAMILNADU	29	41	41	0	0.09
26	TELANGANA	4601	349	2	0	609.47
27	TRIPURA	199	NR	1	NR	57.13
28	UTTARAKHAND	5	9	9	1	2.5
29	UTTAR PRADESH	2045	107	121	17	252.71
30	WEST BENGAL	780	174	52	-	96.15
31	A & N ISLANDS	86	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
32	CHANDIGARH	2	1	17	3	-
33	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
34	DAMAN & DIU	NR	NR	NR	NR	NIL
35	LAKSHADWEEP	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
36	PUDUCHERRY	741	1	2	-	0.63

**B) ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT, 1955 DURING 2016 (Relating to offences under EC Act- for other than violation of stock control orders/ for violation of stock control orders) (Updated as on 13.04.2016)**

Sl. No.	STATES/UTs	No. of Raids Conducted	No. of Persons			Value of goods Confiscated (Rs. In Lakhs)
			Arrested	Prosecuted	Convicted	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	DELHI	1	-	-	-	-
3.	GOA	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	GUJARAT	1641	0	1	-	21.29
5.	HARYANA	17	-	-	-	-
6.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3912	-	-	-	5.03
7.	KERALA	10	4	1	0	0.10
8.	MAHARASHTRA	75	93	45	0	26.95
8.	MANIPUR	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
9.	MIZORAM	3	-	-	-	-
10.	NAGALAND	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
11.	RAJASTHAN	35	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
12.	SIKKIM	30	-	-	-	-
13.	TELANGANA	479	67	5	5	25.52
14.	UTTARAKHAND	590	-	-	-	-
15.	UTTAR PRADESH	10794	11	8	0	0
16.	WEST BENGAL	113	23	11	NIL	9043.96
17.	A & N ISLANDS	18	-	-	-	-
18.	CHANDIGARH	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
19.	D & N HAVELI	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
20.	PUDUCHERRY	150	-	-	-	0.08
21.	TAMILNADU	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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**ANNEXURE-II**

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\* 31 FOR 26.04.2016 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF PULSES.**

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**A) Production of Major Pulses (in million MTs)**

Sl.No.		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	<b>Chana</b>	9.53	7.33	8.09
2	<b>Tur</b>	3.17	2.81	2.55
3	<b>Moong</b>	1.61	1.50	1.55
4	<b>Urad</b>	1.70	1.96	1.74
5	<b>Other Kharif Pulses</b>	0.71	0.77	0.75
6	<b>Other Rabi Pulses</b>	2.53	2.77	2.64

Source:- DAC&FW

**B) Import and Export of Major Pulses (in million MTs) since 2013-14**

Sl.No.	Pulses	Import			Export		
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	<b>Chana</b>	0.28	0.42	1.03	0.33	0.19	0.22
2	<b>Moong/Urad</b>	0.62	0.62	0.58	0.002	0.004	0.006
3	<b>Tur</b>	0.47	0.58	0.46	0.001	0.0012	0.004
4	<b>Lentils</b>	0.71	0.82	1.26	0.007	0.008	0.01

Source:- DGCIS,MOCI

C) State-wise Production of Pulses

State-wise and Crop-wise Estimates of Production of Pulses during 2014-15 to 2015-16 ('000 MT)														
States	Tur		Gram		Urad		Moong		Other Kharif Pulses		Other Rabi Pulses		Total Pulses	
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
Andhra Pradesh	185.0	132.0	472.0	514.0	314.0	394.0	185.0	170.0	12.0	6.7	45.0	28.0	1213.0	1244.7
Assam	5.7	5.0	2.0	1.0	34.2	31.0	7.8	7.0			61.3	88.0	111.0	132.0
Bihar	28.5	30.0	57.5	71.2	14.4	13.5	100.0	98.0	10.1	10.0	283.4	260.8	493.8	483.5
Chhattisgarh	33.8	40.5	290.4	267.6	30.5	29.8	3.9	4.3	15.5	14.1	362.4	192.4	736.5	548.7
Gujarat	235.0	219.0	199.0	134.0	47.0	36.0	72.5	69.0	5.0	12.0	16.0		574.5	470.0
Haryana	6.7	17.0	42.0	54.0	0.5	2.0	3.2	5.0	0.3	1.0	3.4	11.0	56.1	90.0
Himachal Pradesh	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	3.6	3.0	0.1	0.1	6.5	4.6	27.7	41.3	38.3	49.4
Jammu & Kashmir				0.0	4.3	0.0	0.3	0.6	2.2	6.6	2.4	1.7	9.2	8.9
Jharkhand	199.5	159.9	186.4	180.4	83.1	70.0	15.2	9.5	22.3	15.4	90.6	86.8	597.1	521.8
Karnataka	474.0	270.0	674.0	758.2	21.0	16.0	53.0	51.0	97.0	87.0	71.0	60.0	1390.0	1242.2
Kerala	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.4	1.4	1.0
Madhya Pradesh	511.0	578.0	2964.0	3186.0	440.0	361.6	124.4	120.6	10.0	4.6	778.9	570.1	4828.3	4820.9
Maharashtra	726.0	561.1	1088.0	1192.0	92.0	93.0	84.0	74.0	29.0	36.0	34.0	37.0	2053.0	1486.0
Odisha	123.8	117.8	36.4	33.4	27.6	17.6	105.0	65.3	63.6	57.1	83.0	162.9	439.3	454.1
Punjab	2.4	4.8	1.9	4.8	1.2	1.6	33.0	38.1		0.0	3.1	7.0	41.6	56.3
Rajasthan	9.7	6.7	911.1	1207.2	112.2	112.2	460.6	563.5	380.5	409.8	77.7	70.1	1951.8	2369.5
Telangana		56.2		2.5		220.8		120.7		27.7		56.5		484.4
Tamil Nadu	77.0	103.0	4.4	73.0	358.9	15.0	180.7	54.0	63.0	1.0	69.2	13.3	753.2	259.3
Uttar Pradesh	174.0	238.0	367.7	376.0	302.0	253.1	46.0	55.2			549.0	661.0	1438.7	1583.4
Uttarakhand	3.2	3.0	0.6	1.0	10.4	9.0	0.0	0.0	24.1	25.0	16.3	20.0	54.6	58.0
West Bengal	2.9	2.7	30.8	32.0	53.3	57.0	25.6	43.2	0.7	0.6	123.1	191.3	236.5	326.8
Others	8.5	7.2	3.4	3.4	10.9	8.7	3.3	3.1	30.2	26.3	76.2	83.1	132.4	131.8
<b>All India</b>	<b>2807.3</b>	<b>2552.3</b>	<b>7332.4</b>	<b>8092.3</b>	<b>1961.1</b>	<b>1744.9</b>	<b>1503.4</b>	<b>1552.3</b>	<b>772.1</b>	<b>745.4</b>	<b>2774.0</b>	<b>2642.5</b>	<b>17150.3</b>	<b>17329.8</b>

Source:-DES, DAC&FW

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