

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 252
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.7.2016**

PROCUREMENT OF PULSES FROM ABROAD

252. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA :

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

- (a) whether the Government is mulling any proposal to procure pulses from abroad to meet the deficit in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the production, demand and procurement of pulses from abroad during the ensuing year?

ANSWER

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