

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 346
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2016**

BUFFER STOCK OF PULSES

346. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:
SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

(OIH)

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

- whether the prices of pulses have been rising during the last three years, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- the quantity and price of pulses imported indicating the names of the importing companies/agencies during the said period;
- whether the Government is negotiating with neighbouring countries to create a buffer stock of pulses; and
- if so, the details and the present status thereof?

ANSWER

मिन्सटर अफ कन्सुमर अफेयर्स, फूड अण्ड पब्लिक डिस्ट्रिब्युशन
के द्वारा जवाब दिया जाता है कि

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

(a) : Yes, Madam. The rise in prices of pulses is mainly on account of shortfall in domestic production due to adverse weather conditions and increase in demand because of rise in population and per capita income and change in food habits. In addition, speculation, cartelization, black-marketing/hoarding also put pressure on prices. The requisite details are given at **Annexure**.

(b) : The requisite details on the quantity and price of pulses imported during the last three years are as below:-

IMPORT OF PULSES DURING LAST THREE YEARS			
YEAR	QTY(TON)	VALUE (MILLION USD)	PRICE (US \$ / TON)
2013-14	3643705	2119.32	581.64
2014-15	4584841	2786.11	607.68
2015-16	5797699	3902.22	673.06

NOTE: FIGURES FOR 2015-16 IS PROVISIONAL.

Source:- DGCIS

(c) : No, Madam.

(d) : Does not arise.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.346 FOR 19.07.2016 REGARDING BUFFER STOCK OF PULSES.

Major Pulses	Trends in All-India Daily Average Retail Prices of Pulses (Rs/kg)						
	Price As On	1 Year Ago	2 years Ago	3 Years Ago	Year-on-Year Variation (%)		
	14/07/2016	14/07/2015	14/07/2014	07-12-2013	2016/ 2015	2015/ 2014	2014/ 2013
Gram Dal	93.23	60.21	46.49	52.32	54.84	29.51	-11.14
Arhar Dal	139.11	99.05	70.1	68.67	40.44	41.30	2.08
Urad Dal	151.05	100.53	71.31	58.36	50.25	40.98	22.19
Moong Dal	97.29	99.12	85.88	74.43	-1.85	15.42	15.38
Masoor Dal	86	82.77	66.04	58.03	3.90	25.33	13.80

Source:- States/UTs Civil Supplies Deptts.
