

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 530
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.06.2019

SURPLUS PULSE STOCK

530. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government agencies are saddled with large public stocks of pulses due to record production last year;
- (b) if so, the quantum of stock of pulses and the steps taken by the Government to deal with large stocks thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce pulses under the subsidized Public Distribution System (PDS); and
- (d) if so, the details and the time-frame for implementation of the Scheme?

ANSWER

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री
(श्री राम विलास पासवान)

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

(a) to (d) : As on 15.06.2019 stock of pulses held with the designated agencies on behalf of the Government is around 39.30 LMT taking together the stock of pulses available under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) implemented by Department of Consumer Affairs and Price Support Scheme (PSS) implemented by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare. Calibrated release from the Buffer Stock is made to moderate price fluctuations. Pulses from the Buffer are utilized to meet requirement of Army and Central Para-Military Forces and also under welfare schemes like Mid-Day Meal (MDM), Public Distribution System (PDS), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), etc. In the month of September, 2018, Government launched a scheme for disposal of stock of pulses procured under PSS during Kharif and Rabi season 2017-18, by way of distribution to States/UTs for utilization under various welfare schemes like PDS, MDM, ICDS etc. with Central subsidy of ₹ 15/- per kg over the issue price as a one-time measure for a period of 12 months or till PSS pulses stock of 34.88 lakh MT lasts (whichever is earlier).
