

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2199 (OIH)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

COST OF IMPORTED PULSES

2199. SMT. MANJU SHARMA:
(OIH)

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

- (a) whether the Government is likely to take any step to ensure that the cost of imported pulses remains at par or above the Minimum Support Price (MSP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government intends to provide export subsidy to pulse traders in India in view of the low domestic prices of pulses;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to review its open import policy in respect of tur and urad dal; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) : The import policy and duty for pulses are formulated on the basis of close and continuous monitoring of domestic production, availability and prices scenario including landed cost of imported stocks by the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) comprising of Department of Consumer Affairs, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Department of Commerce and Department of Revenue. The decisions regarding opening or restriction of imports and the rates for import duties are done keeping the interests of both the domestic farmers and the consumers.

(c) & (d): There is no proposal to offer export subsidies for pulse traders.

(e) & (f) : The import of Tur and Urad under 'free category' are allowed till March 31, 2026 in order to augment the availability to meet the domestic consumption demand.
