

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF PULSES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a huge quantity of various pulses is being imported from abroad with the result that prices of pulses have shot up sharply in the domestic market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, item-wise, during each of the last three years and the countries from whom these are imported;
- (c) whether the indigenous production of pulses is not sufficient to meet the domestic demand; and
- (d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to bring more areas under pulses cultivation?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Imports are necessitated to meet the gap in the domestic demand and supply of pulses and to stabilize prices in the domestic market. The total import of pulses in the country during the year 2002-03 was 19.92 lakh tonnes, during the year 2003-04 was 17.23 lakh tonnes and during the year 2004-05 was 12.96 lakh tonnes. Country-wise import data for the relevant period is annexed.

(d): To promote production of pulses and crop diversification, the Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM). Under the Scheme, the assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of minikits, infrastructure development block demonstrations on improved technology, Polythene Mulch Technology and Integrated Pest Management Technology, distribution of Plant Protection Chemicals, Plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of Rhizobium culture/phosphate Solubilising Bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets, farmers training, staff & contingencies, pipes for carrying water from water source to the field, officers' training and publicity, etc. to encourage farmers to cultivate pulses in large scale. Besides, to transfer improved technologies among the farmers, front line demonstrations in pulses are also conducted through Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

**Annexure**

Import of Pulses

| Country         | Qty. in Tonne | Value in Rs. lakhs | 2003-4     | 2004-05 (P) |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
|                 | Qty. Value    | Qty. Value         | Qty. Value |             |
| AFGHANISTAN TIS |               | 40                 | 6.84       |             |
| AUSTRALIA       | 124842        | 16401.16           | 130837     | 17012.74    |
| ZAERBAIZAN      | 1051          | 160.36             |            | 73817       |
| BAHARIN         | 14            | 2.1                |            | 9057.6      |
| SHUTAN          | 69            | 10.3               |            |             |
| BULGARIA        | 1269          | 199.75             | 2369       | 282.65      |
| CAMEROON        | 115           | 24.71              |            |             |
| CANADA          | 416897        | 48608.12           | 441433     | 49996.19    |
| CHILE           | 118           | 23.33              |            | 466555      |
| TAIWAN          | 7044          | 1235.1             | 115        | 17.19       |
| CHINA PRP       | 71615         | 13744.61           | 47064      | 8311.49     |
| DENMARK         | 14191         | 1384.37            | 760        | 145.97      |
| DJIBOUTI        | 105           | 16.64              | 110        | 20.77       |
| EGYPT ARP       |               | 64                 | 12.13      |             |
| ETHIOPIA        | 6902          | 1128.56            | 5089       | 797.46      |
| FRANCE          | 278766        | 29439.69           | 146405     | 14478.16    |
| GERM,ANY        | 33717         | 3401.9             |            | 72297       |
| HONGKONG        | 107           | 19.25              |            | 8426.31     |
| INDONESIA       | 814           | 146.71             | 1676       | 300.88      |
| IRAN            | 87464         | 14585.18           | 46056      | 8188.51     |
| IRAQ            |               | 236                | 40.16      |             |
| JAPAN           | 21            | 7.21               | 1          | 0.1         |

|                 |         |           |         |          |         |          |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| KENYA           | 15187   | 2717      | 8588    | 1347.92  | 520     | 75.58    |
| KOREA RP        | 27      | 4.55      | 0       | 0.02     | 9760    | 1455.96  |
| MALAWI          | 4987    | 651.78    | 9884    | 1525.99  | 1188    | 162.19   |
| MALAYSIA        | 453     | 71.15     | 2203    | 266.12   |         |          |
| MALI            | 772     | 101.73    |         |          |         |          |
| MAURITIUS       | 290     | 46.33     | 100     | 13.5     |         |          |
| MYANMAR         | 696748  | 104462.66 | 702764  | 95699.2  | 459765  | 65153.82 |
| MEXICO          | 8136    | 1844.82   | 745     | 223.71   |         |          |
| MOROCCO         | 115     | 13.97     | 69      | 6.57     |         |          |
| MOZAMBIQUE      | 1525    | 181.25    | 3812    | 553.91   | 7000    | 1041.96  |
| NEPAL           | 19450   | 4544.1    | 13037   | 3199.44  | 15225   | 3538.93  |
| NETHERLAND      | 3       | 0.34      |         |          |         |          |
| NEW CALEDONIA   |         | 22        | 7.54    |          |         |          |
| NEW ZEALAND     | 2171    | 315.91    | 364     | 50.12    | 593     | 82.2     |
| NIGERIA         | 490     | 60.62     | 1008    | 66.02    |         |          |
| PAKISTAN IR     | 28522   | 5387.05   | 55449   | 8785.65  | 9707    | 1631.35  |
| PANAMA REPUBLIC | 4437    | 955.2     | 4373    | 797.34   |         |          |
| PAPUAN GNA      | 239     | 33.05     |         |          |         |          |
| PERU            | 87      | 21.49     | 85      | 31.29    | 66      | 23.07    |
| ROMANIA         | 60      | 8.15      | 100     | 13.66    | 180     | 17.12    |
| RUSSIA          | 40467   | 4359.61   | 10253   | 1245.31  | 4175    | 523.93   |
| SAUDIARAB       | 18      | 4.49      |         |          |         |          |
| SINGAPORE       | 1711    | 247.48    | 66      | 15.5     |         |          |
| SLOVENIA        | 115     | 16.65     |         |          |         |          |
| SOUTH AFRICA    | 366     | 31.07     | 500     | 61.48    |         |          |
| SWITZERLAND     | 66      | 22.82     | 2385    | 439.83   | 577     | 121.42   |
| SYRIA           | 4519    | 752.79    | 90      | 15.84    |         |          |
| TANZANIA REP    | 38944   | 5921.54   | 42003   | 6407.44  | 27925   | 4571.17  |
| THAILAND        | 5802    | 961.64    | 1289    | 229.65   | 277     | 38.81    |
| TURKEY          | 14396   | 2419.13   | 23335   | 4849.59  | 18995   | 4125.23  |
| U ARAB EMTS     | 2084    | 187.33    | 144     | 21.98    | 350     | 84.56    |
| UK              | 2000    | 243.72    | 77      | 9.86     | 22      | 2.79     |
| UKRAINE         | 854     | 3834.64   | 3804    | 457.3    | 14875   | 1531.21  |
| USA             | 8871    | 1286.19   | 4045    | 739.01   | 4356    | 639.39   |
| UZBEKISTAN      | 8233    | 1493.91   | 10197   | 1798.64  | 1707    | 308.3    |
| UNSPECIFIED     | 830     | 148.83    | 337     | 62.26    |         |          |
| TOTAL           | 1992852 | 273708.98 | 1723328 | 228486.7 | 1296460 | 1718644  |

P. Provisional Figures.