

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the present buffer stock of oil seeds and pulses in the country;
- (b) whether the buffer stock of pulses and oil seeds is below the domestic requirement;
- (c) if so, the steps taken to meet the domestic requirements of oil seeds and pulses; and
- (d) the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): No buffer stock of oilseeds and pulses is maintained in the country. However, the domestic production of pulses and oilseeds are below their domestic requirements.

(c) & (d): In order to increase the production of oilseeds and pulses, the Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds and pulses growing States. Under this scheme, assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed, distribution of plant protection chemical etc. In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations through Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

In addition, the requirements are met through imports.