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(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA) (a) There are 70 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) sanctioned in Bihar and Maharashtra.

(b) and (c) Out of 38 rural districts in Bihar, 37 KVKs have been sanctioned. The process of setting up of a KVK in Arwal district has also been initiated.

All the 33 rural districts in Maharashtra have been covered with KVK. There is no proposal for setting up of more KVK in the State.

Import of pulses

4001. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import pulses in the near future to improve the supply and price position for consumers in the country;

(b) if so, the quantity proposed to be imported and the country from where to be imported with the CIF, thereof at the port of landing; and

(c) whether Government have decided the mechanism for their distribution to the consumers and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has taken a decision allowing the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), Mineral & Metals Trading Corporation Ltd. PEC Ltd. and State Trading Corporation (STC) to import 1.5 million tonnes of pulses such as Urad, Tur, Moong, Gram and Yellow peas. The latest details of import of pulses by these four agencies are given in the Statement (See below). The imported pulses will be sold by these agencies through public tenders to augment availability in the domestic market.

Statement*Latest details of Import of Pulses*

Organisation	Item	Contracted Qty(Till date)	Price with CIF (USD/PMT)*	Source of Country
PEC Ltd.	Urad	19000	579.95	Myanmar
	Moong	9000	660.85	Myanmar
	Tur	10000	384.00	Myanmar
	Yellow peas	1,35,000	344.35	France, Canada
TOTAL(PEC)		1,73,000		
MMTC Ltd.	Urad	3000	586.00	Myanmar
	Moong	1000	638.50	Myanmar
	Tur	20000	412.00	Malawi/Mozambique
	Dunpeas	2000	378.00	Australia
	Yellow peas	53000	361.25	Canada/France
			344.00	
TOTAL(MMTC)		79,000		
NAFED	Urad	80,000	554.00	Myanmar
	Moong	5000	565.00	Myanmar
TOTAL(NAFED)		85,000		
STC	Urad	30000	634.50	Myanmar
	Yellow peas	70,000	365.00	Canada/France
	TOTAL(STC)	100,000		

The price is representative as it varies with contract to contract, variety of pulses, etc.