

(a) whether Government has assessed the availability of edible oil for the consumption in the country;

(b) if so, whether proper storage are there or not;

(c) if not, whether Government have any plan to import edible oil from other countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is estimated that India has produced about 64 lac tons of edible oils in 2009-10 for which proper storage is available in the country.

(c) and (d) It is estimated that the consumption of edible oils during the period of 2009-10 is about 154 lac tons. The shortfall has been met by the import of edible oils. The import is being done by the PSUs as well as the private sector. To ensure the availability of edible oils at reasonable rates the Government as of now has permitted to import crude edible oils at zero percent import duty.

Assessment of availability of pulses

2767. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the availability of pulses for the consumption in the country;

(b) if so, whether proper storage are there or not;

(c) if not, whether Government have any plan to import pulses from other countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is estimated that about 147.4 lac tons of pulses will be produced in 2009-10 for which proper storage is available.

(c) and (d) Due to the deficit in production and the consumption of pulses in the country India has to import 20 - 25 lac tons of pulses every year through the PSUs as well as the private sector. To ensure the availability of pulses at reasonable rates to the consumers, the Government as of now has permitted to import it at zero percent import duty.