

**Procurement of pulses**

731. SHRI SANJAY RAUT : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to start procuring pulses directly from farmers through NAFED and Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC);
- (b) if so, the details of the decision taken in this regard; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to create buffer stock of pulses?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) NAFED, SFAC and FCI will procure of pulses (Tur and Urad) in the Kharif 2015 season at prevailing market rates from farm gate/Mandis for creation of buffer stocks. The COS meeting held on 19.10.2015 recommended building buffer stock of Pulses.

- (c) ₹ 50 crore and ₹ 40 crore has been released to FCI and NAFED respectively to start procurement of pulses in Kharif Marketing Season 2015-16. SFAC will undertake procurement from ₹ 9 crore PSF fund already available with them.

**Rise in prices of pulses**

732. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether prices of pulses rose up to 42 per cent in October as compared to the same period last year due to hoarding;
- (b) the action taken against hoarders and measures taken to bring down the prices of pulses; and
- (c) whether unscrupulous traders are selling Tur (Arhar) Dal at ₹ 200 per kg. in open market whereas Kendriya Bhandar is selling it at ₹ 120 per kg. for the benefit of the people of Delhi, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The requisite information is given in the following Table: