

Import of pulses

*258. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity/types of pulses that have been imported by Government during the last two years;

(b) whether production of pulses in the country has fallen, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of countries from which pulses are being/were imported along with the rates at which the same were imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) The Government has not imported pulses during the last two years *i.e.* 2013-14 and 2014-15. However, during the current year 2015-16, till date, the Government has imported 4927 MT of Tur whole through Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India (MMTC).

(b) The production data of pulses for the last three year are as under:-

(in million MTs)

2012-13	2013-14	2014-15*
18.34	19.25	17.20

*As per 4th Advance Estimates.

Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics, D/o Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare

(c) MMTC has imported Tur during the current year 2015-16 from Malawi (Africa) at US Dollars 1078 per MT, Cost and Freight Free Out (C&F FO), on Government account.

Maintenance of tourist spots in the country

*259. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintains tourist spots in different States of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any scheme to maintain such tourist spots;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the year-wise, State-wise and tourist spot-wise details of the amount of money allocated for this purpose during the last two years and this year; and