

(b) whether the above report has also stated that industrial production has contracted during the first three months of 2016 and the industrial outlook is negative in spite of the increased effort under 'Make in India' scheme; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) to (c) The Government is aware of the media report about the study of Bank of America Merrill Lynch. However, Central Statistics Office (CSO) under the Government is responsible for estimation of National Accounts in the country. CSO has revised the base year of National Accounts from 2004-05 to 2011-12. Concept of GDP at factor cost used in old series is no longer relevant in the New Series. Hence, it is not correct to compare the new series estimates with the old series estimates.

Also, industrial production is measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) released by Central Statistics Office (CSO) at the base 2004-05. The growth rate of IIP in January, 2016 was (-) 1.5% which increased to 2.0% in February, 2016. Estimates for the month of March, 2016 have not yet been released by CSO.

The Government has launched 'Make in India' programme with 25 thrust sectors to provide a major push to industry sector, particularly manufacturing sector, across the country. An Investor Facilitation Cell has been created viz. 'Invest India' to assist, guide, handhold and facilitate investors during the various phases of business life cycle. This Cell provides necessary information on vast range of subjects; such as policies of the Ministries and State Governments, various incentive schemes and opportunities available, to make it easy for the investors to make necessary investment decision.

Import of pulses

326. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how much quantity of pulses has been imported for 2013-14, 2014-15 and between April, 2015 to February, 2016 and the respective rates thereof;

(b) what was the domestic price of pulses during the said periods; and

(c) the names of the companies through which Government imported pulses during the said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) Year-wise India's import of pulses along with average import price for the periods 2013-14, 2014-15 and

2015-16 (Apr'15 to Feb'16) is as under:

Year	Qty. (Ton)	Val (Million USD)	Average Price (US \$/Ton)
2013-14	3643705	2119.32	581.64
2014-15	4584852	2786.11	607.68
2015-16 (Apr'15 to Feb'16)	5507732	3690.27	670.02

Note: Figures for Apr'15 to Feb'16 are provisional.

(b) The all India monthly average retail prices of major pulses (₹/Kg) during the period 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (Apr'15 to Feb'16) are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) To augment domestic availability and stabilize prices of pulses, Government of India has imported 5,000 MT of Tur (Malawi) through Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation of India (MMTC) during 2015-16. For the buffer stock of pulses, MMTC has already contracted for import of 13,500 MT of Tur and 12,500 MT of Urad.

Statement

All-India Monthly Average Retail Prices of Major Pulses (₹/kg)

Centre	Gram Dal	Tur Dal	Urad Dal	Moong Dal	Masoor Dal
April-13	68.28	68.28	58.07	73.12	54.74
May-13	68.89	68.89	58.43	73.91	55.72
Jun-13	69.04	69.04	58.47	74.75	57.43
July-13	68.78	68.78	58.33	74.26	58
Aug.-13	68.4	68.4	58.73	73.71	58.3
Sep.-13	69.07	69.07	59.81	73.19	58.54
Oct.-13	69.53	69.53	60.75	74.08	58.38
Nov.-13	70.18	70.18	63	75.71	59.29
Dec.-13	70.41	70.41	63.41	76.64	58.45
Jan.-14	70.02	70.02	64.35	78.78	59.07
Feb.-14	69.95	69.95	65.13	82.24	59.07
March-14	70.14	70.14	65.87	85.13	60.33
April-14	70.25	70.25	67.26	88.31	62.57
May-14	70.41	70.41	69.07	89.08	64.79

Centre	Gram Dal	Tur Dal	Urad Dal	Moong Dal	Masoor Dal
June-14	69.93	69.93	71.2	87.08	65.45
July-14	70.35	70.35	72.75	86.69	66.31
Aug.-14	71.68	71.68	76.01	88.29	67.81
Sep.-14	73.93	73.93	78.61	89.09	69.22
Oct.-14	74.11	74.11	76.32	89.25	69.81
Nov.-14	75.1	75.1	75.71	93.64	71.05
Dec.-14	75.65	75.65	76.27	96.02	71.8
Jan.-15	77.13	77.13	77.97	98.14	74
Feb.-15	79	79	79.15	99.32	74.32
March-15	81.75	81.75	79.62	99.21	73.49
April-15	85.23	85.23	82.99	100.41	74.18
May-15	91.89	91.89	91.33	102.29	77.84
June-15	95.33	95.33	97.34	101.29	80.78
July-15	98.42	98.42	98.86	99.11	82.32
Aug.-15	105.13	105.13	100.88	98.36	84.75
Sep.-15	119.95	119.95	107.54	99.71	88.48
Oct.-15	143.78	143.78	129.42	107.2	90.27
Nov.-15	152.29	152.29	142.15	108.78	89.74
Dec.-15	150.08	150.08	142.64	107.31	87.6
Jan-16	145.74	145.74	139.56	105.31	83.61
Feb-16	140.14	140.14	137.17	102.56	80.33

Source: States/UTs Civil Supplies Deptts.

Setting up of specified pharmaceutical zones

327. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has been considering for setting up of specified pharmaceutical zones to curb dependence of the pharmaceutical industry on Chinese imports;