

(C) All India average monthly price of tomatoes (₹/kg)

Month	2015	2016
April	20.36	18.84
May	25.62	26.73
June	25.63	40.17
July	28.89	40.67

Procurement of pulses for buffer stock

1196. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that NAFED and other agencies have started procuring 10 lakh tonnes of pulses for buffer stock, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the available existing buffer stock of various pulses in the country; and
- (c) the quantity of pulses proposed to be procured from farmers and proposed to be imported for the buffer stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has approved domestic procurement of 10 lakh tonnes of pulses consisting of 5 lakh tonnes of pulses from Kharif Marketing Season 2016-17 and 5 lakh tonnes from Rabi Marketing Season 2017-18 for building the buffer.

(b) As on 21.11.2016, a buffer of 638,205.55 MT of pulses, viz. 130,492.33 MT of Chana; 204,030.859 MT of Tur; 143,555.76 MT of Masur; 83,181.792 MT of Urad; and 76,943.81 MT of Moong, have been built through domestic procurement and import contracts.

(c) Of the 20 lakh tonnes of buffer stock of pulses approved by the Government, the tentative target is 10 lakh tonne through domestic procurement from farmers and another 10 lakh tonnes from imports.

Claims under LSPEF to RSFCSC Ltd.

†1197. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Government is yet to settle the Levy Sugar Price Equalization Fund (LSPEF) claims of the Rajasthan State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.