

**Production and consumption of pulses**

†\*180. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite adequate production of pulses, Government is considering import of the same, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, the details of the production and consumption of pulses in the country, at present?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The decision of the Government to import pulses towards building buffer stock is guided by domestic price and availability position. In view of the bumper production of Kharif pulses, no import is being undertaken by the Government other than those already contracted when prices and availability position were difficult.

(b) As per the 2nd Advance Estimates of Production of Foodgrains for 2016-17 brought out by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, production of pulses is estimated at 22.14 million tonnes. The demand of pulses for the same period is estimated at 24.61 million tonnes in the Report of Working Group on Food grains-Balancing Demand & Supply during Twelfth Five Years Plan.

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**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS****Decline in sea catch**

1757. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sea catch is declining every year; and

(b) if so, the details of sea catch, sector-wise, year-wise during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Fish catch data as reported by Maritime States/UTs indicates an increase in marine fish production in Financial Year (FY) 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 as compared to FY 2013-14. The status of marine fish production during the last three years in the Maritime States/UTs is given in the Statement.

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