

finalize an arrangement within 2018 to enable the export of Canadian pulses to India free from pests of quarantine importance, with mutually acceptable technological protocols.

(b) and (c) As per the 2nd Advance Estimates, 2017-18, released by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, the estimated production of pulses is 23.95 million tonnes in 2017-18 and 23.13 million tonnes in 2016-17 (Final Estimates). Pulses from buffer is released to States/UTs, Central agencies or through open market sales based on demand and exigencies.

2492. *[The Question was cancelled.]*

#### **Misuse of Aadhaar data**

2493. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aadhaar data is being misused and following the complaints, Aadhaar servers have stopped their services across the country recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has investigated the matter, and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial steps being taken by the Government to resolve the problem once and for all?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The data of resident collected during enrolment gets encrypted as soon as the enrolment takes place thereby diminishing the possibility of any misuse of the data. Ensuring security of data is a continuous exercise and Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has deployed state of art security measures and continuously upgrading it as per requirement.

#### **Cyber security professionals**

2494. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: