

**Import of onions**

2161. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to import one lakh tonnes of onion to check the ongoing rise in prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the price per tonne for the same; and
- (c) the details of onion as procured/ imported by Government in the last five years and the details of the amount of such stocks that were wasted/became rotten?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO): (a) and (b) Government has approved import/ procurement of upto 1.2 lakh tonnes of onions to check the ongoing price rise. MMTC has been directed to import upto 1 lakh tonne onions through global/ country-specific import tenders.

(c) Details of onion as procured/ imported by Government in the last five years is given as follows:-

Year	Procurement (in 000 MT)	Import (in 000 MT)
2014-15	Nil	Nil
2015-16	8.52	1.987
2016-17	18.37	Nil
2017-18	5.03	Nil
2018-19	13.50	Nil

Onion are highly perishable commodity that is prone to weight and moisture loss, quality deterioration, sprouting, losses in grading and separation etc.

**Setting up of district consumer courts**

2162. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether district consumer courts are yet to be set up in a number of districts despite the assistance provided by the Central Government;