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MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Price of Pulses and Oilseeds

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Will the Minister of
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the prices of pulses and oilseeds have fallen steeply even below the MSP because of record production during 2016-17 and the Government has failed to procure the stock from farmers at MSP leading them to distress sale of their produce;
- (b) if so, the details of the fall in prices of pulses and oilseeds between October, 2016 and May, 2017 and the response of the Government thereto; and
- (c) whether the prices of pulses are going up despite record production and if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) : To facilitate remunerative prices and extend MSP support to farmers, Government has procured 11.63 lakh MT of Tur, 2.19 lakh MT of Moong, 0.89 lakh MT of Urad, 0.25 lakh MT of Masur (Lentil) and 0.54 lakh MT of Chana during 2016 and 2017 under the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) scheme. In addition, procurement at MSP was also undertaken under Price Support Scheme (PSS) through which Government procured 1.21 lakh MT of Moong, 1.96 lakh MT of Tur and 0.15 lakh MT of Urad. In respect of oilseeds, under PSS, Government has procured 2.11 lakh MT of Groundnut Pods, 0.38 lakh MT of Mustard Seed, 8026.15 MT of Sunflower seeds, 4488.94 MT of Milling Copra, 1835.46 MT of Ball Copra and 162.19 MT of Soyabean.

(b) to (c) : The requisite details are at Annexure.
