



India Pulses and Grains Association Quote on “Government’s plan to sell pulses from buffer stock to control prices

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Pulses body against offload of pulses except urad from buffer stocks

MUMBAI – The India Pulses and Grain Association has urged the government not to offload pulses, except urad, from buffer stocks, which is the only pulse trading above the minimum support price.

"While we welcome this deliberation (sale of pulses), only stocks of urad, which is selling above MSP (minimum support price), should be released from the buffer stock. All other pulses are selling below MSP and therefore should not be liquidated," Jitu Bheda, chairman of the association said in a release.

The association was reacting on the government's decision today to offload 847,000 tn pulses comprising 320,000 tn tur, 200,000 tn urad, 120,000 tn chana, 150,000 tn moong and 57,000 tn masur from buffer stocks via states to check prices.

Urad prices have risen in the past few months to as high as 9,000 rupees per 100 kg for special quality Burmese urad, while fair average quality urad too had risen 35% in two months to October to around 6,500-6,600 rupees in key spot markets, compared with the intervention price of 5,700 rupees.

Massive crop damage due to excessive and prolonged rainfall until end October has created severe shortage of urad in the country, which is the key driver of prices. Trade sources have pegged about 800,000 tn shortfall in urad supply in the country. As a result traders have been demanding relaxation in imports of pulses and urad in particular.

Reiterating the industry demand Bheda has urged the government to actively consider relaxing import norms for urad. End



Website: Timesof India – PTI Story

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Website: Outlook India

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Website: Money Control

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