



India's Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses

Six-year plan to make India self-reliant in pulses by 2030-31

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From Import Dependence to Self-Sufficiency

India is the **world's largest producer** of pulses, a globally important, protein-rich food crop. Pulses contain **20-25% protein**, more than double that of wheat and nearly three times that of rice. Pulses contribute significantly to India's agricultural exports and remain a vital part of Indian diets, ensuring **nutritional security**. Recognising this importance, the government launched the '**Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses**' on October 11, 2025. As the nation observes the first anniversary of the Mission's launch on October 11, this landmark initiative continues its momentum, backed by a financial allocation of ₹11,440 crore spanning 2025–26 to 2030–31. The Mission seeks to achieve **self-sufficiency** in pulses production. It focuses on boosting domestic production, reducing import dependence, and enhancing farmers' income through a comprehensive value-chain approach.

A Mission with a Clear Target

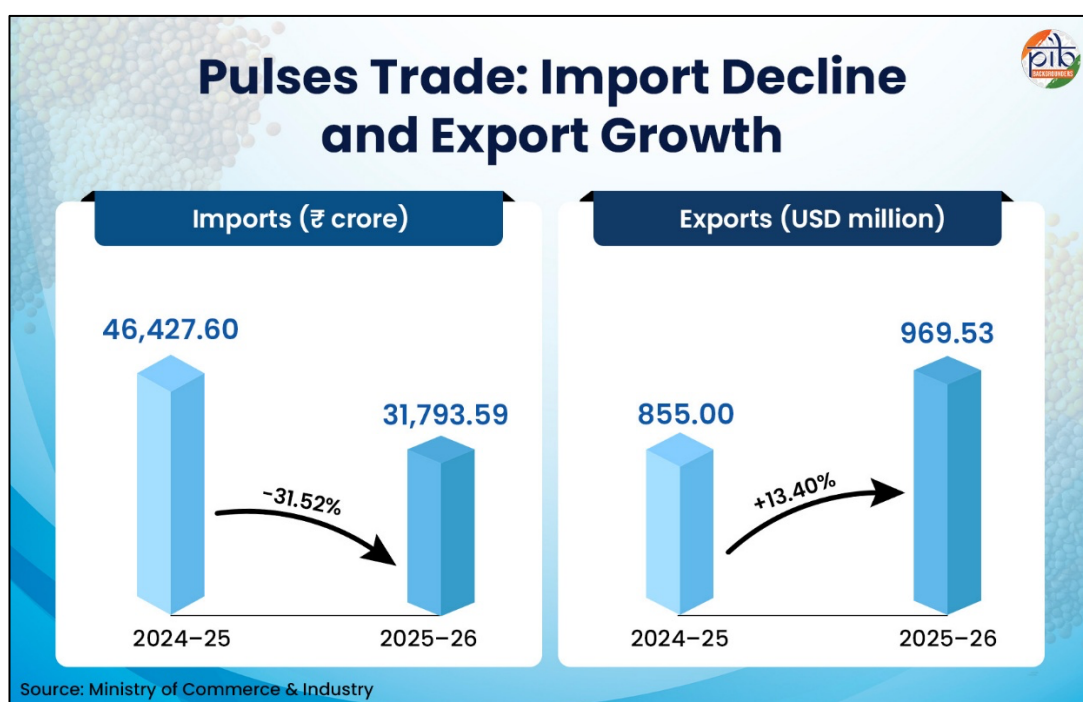
Under the Mission, by 2030-31, production is expected to reach nearly **350 lakh tonnes**, with yield rising to **1,130 kg per hectare**. Key strategic measures driving these targets include:

- Focus on enhancing production of **Tur, Urad and Masoor**
- Promotion of **climate-resilient seeds** and improved seed quality
- Distribution of **87.5 lakh free seed kits and 126 lakh quintals of certified seeds** over six years
- Expands pulse cultivation area by 35 lakh hectares to reach a total targeted area of 310 lakh hectares by 2030–31.
- **Cluster-based approach** covering **489 districts** to intensify production
- Establishment of **1,000 processing units** (dal mills)
- **Assured procurement** of Tur, Urad and Masoor via **NCCF and NAFED** from **willing and registered farmer**.
- Expected to **reduce import dependence** and **conserve foreign exchange**

India's Pulse Powerhouse

India's pulse sector showed strong growth in domestic production, farming area, and crop yield during 2025-26. Steady agricultural progress and strong local output continue to strengthen the nation's pulse economy.

- India's total pulse production rose to **274.09 lakh tonnes** in 2025-26 (3rd Advance Estimates) from **256.83 lakh tonnes** in 2024-25.
- India's pulse cultivation area expanded significantly from **277.20 lakh hectares** in 2024-25 to **286.46 lakh hectares** in 2025-26.
- The major regions of **Pulse cultivation** are Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal.
- National pulse productivity improved as the overall yield increased from **926 kg per hectare** in 2024-25 to **957 kg per hectare** in 2025-26.



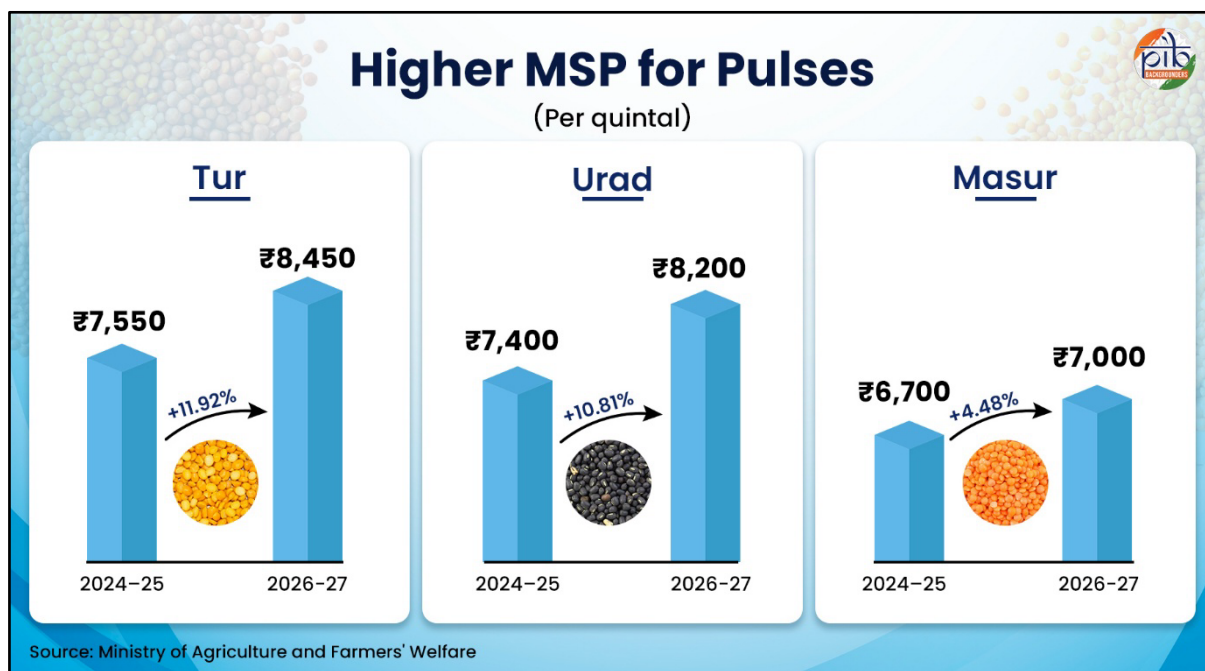
- India's pulses imports declined by **31.52%**, from **₹46,427.60 crore** in 2024-25 to **₹31,793.59 crore** in 2025-26.
- India's pulses exports rose **13.40%**, from **USD 855 million** in 2024-25 to **USD 969.53 million** in 2025-26. The total export volume reached a total volume of **10.01 lakh tonnes** during 2025-26.
- In 2025-26, major export destinations included **China, UAE, Bangladesh, the U.S.A., and Sri Lanka**.

Rising MSP, Assured Procurement

The government continues to strengthen price security for pulse farmers through substantial increases in Minimum Support Prices. Higher support prices ensure fair returns and incentivize increased domestic production of key pulse crops.

- For the marketing season **2024-25**, the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for **Urad** was fixed at **₹7,400** per quintal, which was increased by **₹800 (10.81%)** to **₹8,200** per quintal for **2026-27**.
- For the year **2024-25**, the MSP for **Tur (Arhar)** stood at **₹7,550** per quintal, which saw an enhancement of **₹900 (11.92%)** to reach **₹8,450** per quintal in **2026-27**.

- For the year **2024-25**, the MSP for **Masur (Lentil)** was set at **₹6,700** per quintal, which was revised upward by **₹300 (4.48%)** to **₹7,000** per quintal for **2026-27**.



Under the Mission, National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) are authorized to procure 100% of Tur, Masur, and Urad for a period of four years (2025–26 to 2028–29). As of June 17, 2026, key achievements from the NCCF Pulses Procurement Dashboard include:

- NCCF achieved a total pulses procurement of **10.55 lakh tonnes** across 9 states. A total Minimum Support Price (MSP) value of **₹7,047 crore** was released directly to farmers. The initiative successfully benefited **4.69 lakh farmers** out of 7.74 lakh total registered farmers.
 - Under **Kharif 2025-26**, **7.89 lakh tonnes** of pulses worth **₹6,431 crore** were procured, benefiting **3.66 lakh farmers**.
 - Under **Rabi 2026-27**, procurement of pulses reached **23.51 lakh tonnes** with an MSP release of **₹14,217 crore**, benefiting **10.20 lakh farmers**.
- Pulses procurement expanded from **18,39,504.77 tonnes in 2024-25** to **31,40,883.92 tonnes in 2025-26**.

Mission's Key Early Progress

The Mission's early progress reflects steady momentum in building infrastructure and expanding farmer support. Key achievements so far include:

- The Mission **envisages 1,000 pulse processing units**, with **528 units already allocated** to States and Union Territories in the **first phase**.
- A total of **23 pulse processing** units have been approved for Creation and Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC) under Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY). Out of these approved infrastructure projects, **18 pulse processing units** have been successfully completed.

- To **boost pulses in rice-fallow areas**, the Mission targets to distribute **87.5 lakh seed kits** over six years, with **9.25 lakh kits distributed** during Rabi 2025-26.

Digital Monitoring & Seed Traceability

The government leverages advanced digital platforms to ensure seamless monitoring, real-time oversight, and targeted execution across all levels:

- A **three-tier Steering Committee network** monitors planning, implementation, and progress at the national, state, and district levels.
- The **Krishi Mapper application** enables precise geo-fencing, land geo-tagging, and real-time tracking of seed variety demonstrations and yields.
- **Seed Authentication, Traceability & Holistic Inventory (SATHI)** portal provides a holistic approach to encompass the seed life cycle over seed generations. This measure is achieved through automation of the seed supply chain, starting from seed production to certification and seed sale.
- **AgriStack & Digital Crop Survey**: Integrates unified Farmer IDs with Soil Health Card analytics and verified plot surveys to ensure targeted nutrient delivery and accurate harvest forecasts.
- Verification platforms like **E-Samridhi** and **Vistaar** ensure direct payments, real-time market data, and domestic price stability.

Sowing Today, Securing Tomorrow

The early momentum indicates that the **Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses** is successfully bridging policy intent and ground-level execution. Guaranteed price support has restored grower confidence, while digital platforms like SATHI and e-Samridhi ensure full supply chain transparency. As India moves toward its **2030–31 production target of 350 lakh tonnes**, this integrated value-chain framework promises not only long-term national protein security and foreign exchange savings, but also a replicable model for self-sufficiency across the broader agricultural economy.

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