

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

**Meeting Notice**

**Subject:** Committee for monitoring of actions for increasing pulses production -  
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The undersigned is directed to inform that the first meeting of the Committee for monitoring of actions for increasing pulses production has been convened on **30.03.2016** at **noon** (1200 hours) in room no. **138**, Krishi Bhawan. A copy of 'Action plan for increasing production of pulses in 2016-17' is enclosed.

You are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting.

  
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Director (Crops)

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## Action plan for increasing production of pulses in 2016-17

The production of pulses was 19.25 million tons in 2013-14 and it decreased to 17.15 million tons in 2014-15 and 17.33 million tons in 2015-16 (estimated). The fall in production in the last two years happened because of drought like condition and unseasonal rainfall and hailstorm in many parts of the country. As a result there has been shortage of pulses which could not be met from imports which resulted in huge increase in price of pulses.

Government is implementing NFSM to increase production and productivity of pulses. A number of new initiatives have been taken in last two years to increase production of pulses like, intercropping of pulses with cereals, oilseeds and commercial crops, cultivation of pigeon pea pulses on farm bunds, additional demonstrations during rabi and summer, demonstrations of pulses under BGREI, demonstrations through KVKs etc.

In order to give more emphasis on production of pulses for coming years, brain storming was done in the Ministry. Availability of quality seeds apart from availability of bio fertilisers, micro nutrients and plant protection chemicals were identified as critical constraints. Although MSP is declared for pulses hardly any procurement is done. The MSP for pulses is also not attractive to the farmers when compared with competing crops like rice, wheat, cotton etc. Pulses are mostly cultivated in rainfed areas. The availability of water in critical situation is crucial for food productivity. Therefore, arrangements for irrigation facility is crucial.

It is proposed to address of the above identified constraints in pulses production in next few years starting from 2016-17. It has been decided to keep production target of 21 MT in 2017-18 and 24 MT in 2020-21. For 2016-17 the target of pulses production is 20 MT. The targeted area, yield and production for 2016-17 is shown in the table below:

	Season	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	<b>2016-17</b>
Area (million Ha)	Kharif	10.33	9.76	11.20	<b>11</b>
	Rabi	14.89	13.34	13.70	<b>15</b>
	Total	25.2	23.01	24.89	<b>26</b>
Productivity (Kg/Ha)	Kharif	580	576	462	<b>600</b>
	Rabi	891	777	850	<b>900</b>
	Total	764	744	676	<b>773</b>
Production (Million Tonnes)	Kharif	5.99	5.62	5.16	<b>6.6</b>
	Rabi	13.26	11.57	11.65	<b>13.5</b>
	Total	19.25	17.19	16.82	<b>20.1</b>

