

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether country's foodgrain production is likely to increase during 2001-02 in comparison to 1997-98;
- (b) if so, the production of foodgrains recorded during 1997-98 and expected in 2001-02;
- (c) whether per capita availability of foodgrain has come down during the said period; and
- (d) if so, the details of per capita availability of foodgrains during 1997-98 and 2000-01 along with the name of those foodgrains which are minimum in availability?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Production of foodgrains recorded in 1997-98 and that expected in 2001-02 is as below:

(Million Tonnes)

Season	1997-98	2001-02
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Khharif	101.58	105.59+
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Rabi	90.68	107.87@
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Total	192.26	213.46
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+ Advance Estimates as on 28.09.01

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(c) & (d): The details of per capita net availability of important foodgrains during 1997 and 2000 are given below.

(Kgs per capita per annum)

Item	1997	2000
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Rice	78.5	75.1
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Wheat	65.7	58.4
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Other Cereals	26.7	21.9
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Gram	4.5	4.0
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Pulses	13.6	11.7
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Foodgrains 184.5 167.2

Per capita net availability given above is not strictly representative of the actual level of consumption in the country, because it does not take into account any change in stocks in possession of traders, producers and consumers. Therefore, it is not scientific to compare per capita net availability at two different points of time.