

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PER CAPITA AVAILABILITY OF PULSES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the per capita availability of pulses in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the per capita availability of pulses has declined during the said period;and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of pulses in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): The per capita availability of pulses in the country has increased from 11.8 kg. per year in 2006 to 12.9 kgs. per year in 2007 and further to 15.3 kgs. per year in 2008 (provisional).

The Government implements a number of programmes/schemes to increase the production and availability of pulses in the country which includes, interalia, National Food Security Mission(NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) etc.