

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF RICE AND WHEAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the per capita production/ availability of rice and wheat during the 11th Five Year Plan in the country has increased in comparison to the 10th Five Year Plan period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the per capita consumption of rice and wheat has correspondingly registered an increase;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the remedial action taken by the Government to manage the situation?

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 net availability of rice and wheat since 2002 is given in the Table below:

(Kgs. Per year)		
Year	Rice	Wheat
2002	83.05	60.8
2003	66.2	65.8
2004	71.3	59.2
2005	64.7	56.3
2006	72.3	56.3
2007	70.8	57.6
2008 (P)	64.0	53.3

(P) Provisional

The fluctuations in per capita net availability are mainly due to fluctuations in production on account of variations in weather conditions.

(d) & (e): As per the Household Consumer Expenditure Survey carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation, the average cereal consumption per person per month was 11.7 kg in rural India and 9.6 kg in urban India in 2006-07 while in 2005-06 it was 11.9 kg. in rural areas and 9.8 kg. in urban areas.

(f): With a view to increase the production/availability of rice and wheat the Government implements a number of programmes/schemes which includes, inter alia, National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) etc.