

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the per capita availability of foodgrains in the country;
- (b) whether the per capita availability of foodgrains in the country is adequate;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve the situation; and
- (d) the estimated demand of foodgrains in the country for the next five years?

**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 (d): The per capita availability of foodgrains in 2008 is provisionally placed at 436 grams per day

Estimated production of foodgrains in the country is significantly higher than their demand. In order to further increase production and productivity of foodgrains in the country, the Government is implementing a number of schemes/programmes, which includes, inter alia, National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Integrated Cereals Development Programme etc.

As per Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007 – 12, the demand for foodgrains is estimated at 234.26 million tones in 2011-12, the terminal year of the Plan.