

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country is lagging behind in the world in regard to production and per-capita availability of agricultural produce including foodgrains, fruits and vegetables;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken to increase the production of agricultural produces and its per-capita availability?

Answer

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(a) & (b): As per the available data of Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO), India held third position in the world in the production of cereals, second position in the production of wheat, rice, vegetables & fruits and first position in pulses in 2007 and 2008.

The per capita net availability of foodgrains, fruits and vegetables in India for 2009 is given below:

(Grams per day)

Item	2009
Foodgrains	444.0
Rice	188.4
Wheat	154.7
Pulses	37.0
Fruits	164.0
Vegetables	322.0

For 2009-10.

As per the available data of FAO, the per-capita availability of of rice, wheat, fruits and vegetables, in select countries, for 2007 is given below:

(Grams per day)

Country	Rice	Wheat	Fruits	Vegetables
China	210.4	184.8	176.48	766.83
UK	15.44	266.2	348.56	251.57
USA	22.64	232.4	304.01	349.62
World	145.1	180.6	189.30	327.47

The per-capita availability of foodgrains, fruits and vegetables in different countries varies depending on a number of factors including, inter alia, economic status of the country, national income, level of economic development, agro-climatic conditions, tastes etc.

(c): In order to increase production and productivity, the Government is implementing a number of schemes/programmes, which include, inter alia, National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana(RKVY), Integrated Cereals Development Programme, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), National Horticulture Mission etc.