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

- (a) whether the per capita availability of foodgrains in the country is declining;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the details of per capita availability of rice, wheat and pulses in the country during each of the last three 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 net availability of foodgrains for the period 2007 to 2009 is given below:

(Grams per day)			
Item	2007	2008	2009
Foodgrains	442.8	436.0	444.0
Rice	194.0	175.4	188.4
Wheat	157.8	145.1	154.7
Pulses	35.5	41.8	37.0

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

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, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) etc.