

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Agricultural production including foodgrains has been stagnating for over a decade and there is a growing gap between supply and demand;
- (b) if so, whether the per capita foodgrains availability has come down;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to meet the growing demands of Agricultural production including foodgrains ?

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): The production of foodgrains in 2001-02, and since 2005-06 is given below:

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Rice	Wheat	Pulses	Coarse	Total
	cereals	Foodgrains			

2001-02	93.34	72.77	13.37	33.37	212.85
2005-06	91.79	69.35	13.39	34.06	208.60
2006-07	93.35	75.81	14.20	33.92	217.28
2007-08	96.69	78.57	14.76	40.76	230.78
2008-09	99.18	80.68	14.57	40.03	234.47
2009-10	89.13	80.71	14.59	33.77	218.20

(Advance Estimates)

The demand and supply of the foodgrains during 11th plan (2007-12) is given below:

(Million tonnes)

Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
item	Demand	Supply	Demand

Rice	90.91	96.69	92.87	99.18	94.83	89.13
Wheat	71.19	78.57	72.72	80.68	74.26	80.71
Pulses	16.77	14.76	17.51	14.57	18.29	14.59
Coarse						
Cereals	35.14	40.76	35.90	40.03	36.65	33.77
Total						
Food-grains	214.02	230.78	219.01	234.47	224.04	218.20

@ Advance Estimate.

(b) & (c): The per capita net availability of foodgrains during 11th Plan (2007-12) is given below:

(Grams per day)

Item	2007	2008	2009
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Total			
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.

(d): 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), Rashitrya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Integrated Cereals Development Programme, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) etc.