

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the weather related disruptions have resulted in international sugar prices prevailing at a 30 years high in International Market;
- (b) if so, whether the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has put out an alert that the wheat crop in China may fail because of sub normal winter rain;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the increased buying of staples including wheat, rice and other commodities in huge quantities is putting further pressure on food prices;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether in the past twenty years while approximately 300 million people have been brought above the poverty line an increase population 300 million during the same period necessitates that one billion more have to be provided food in 2011 juxtaposed against 1990; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the action plan formulated by the Government to tackle this problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) to (g) The requisite information is being obtained and statement will be laid on the table of the House on receipt of the same.