

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

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

- (a) whether the per capita consumption of food in terms of calories and proteins has declined in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a disparity between the urban population and rural population in consumption of food in calorie terms; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): As per details available in the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) Report No. 471 of NSS 55th round (July 99-June 2000) & NSS Report No. 513 of NSS 61st round (July 2004-June 2006) on "Nutritional Intake in India", the per capita per day intake of calorie & protein has declined between 1999-2000 and 2004-05. The per capita per day intake of calorie and protein for rural and urban population has been as follows:

YEAR	RURAL		URBAN	
	Calorie (Kcal)	Protein ([0.0]gm)	Calorie (Kcal)	Protein ([0.0]gm)
1999-2000	2149	59.1	2156	58.5
2004-05	2047	57.0	2020	57.0

As revealed by these surveys the calorie intake is higher in rural population than the urban population.