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AVAILABILITY OF FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the per capita availability, demand and supply ratio of foodgrains in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of foodgrains in whose production the country is self-sufficient;
- (c) the details of foodgrains in which the country is not self-sufficient and the measures taken by the Government to achieve the self-sufficiency; and
- (d) the comprehensive measures taken by the Government towards food security and stabilising prices of foodgrains in the country?

Answer

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(a): The details of per capita availability, projected demand and estimated production (supply) of foodgrains in the country during 2007-08 to 2010-11 (latest available) are given in the table below:

(MillionTonnes)

| Year | Crop | Per Capita Availability (KglYear) | Projected Demand (Supply) | Estimated Production (+)/ Shortfall (-) | Excess |
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|---------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 2007-08 | Rice | 70.80 | 90.91 | 96.69 | 5.78 |
| | Wheat | 57.60 | 71.19 | 78.57 | 7.38 |
| | Coarse Cereals | 20.30 | 35.14 | 40.75 | 5.61 |
| | Pulses | 12.90 | 16.77 | 14.76 | -2.01 |
| | Foodgrains | 161.60 | 214.02 | 230.78 | 16.76 |
| | Rice | 64.00 | 92.87 | 99.18 | 6.31 |
| | Wheat | 53.00 | 72.72 | 80.68 | 7.96 |

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| 2008-09 | Coarse Cereals | 19.70 | 35.90 | 40.04 | 4.14 |
| | Pulses | 15.30 | 17.51 | 14.57 | -2.94 |
| | Foodgrains | 159.20 | 219.01 | 234.47 | 15.46 |
| | Rice | 68.80 | 94.83 | 89.09 | -5.74 |
| | Wheat | 56.50 | 74.26 | 80.80 | 6.54 |

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| 2009-10 | Coarse Cereals | 23.30 | 36.65 | 33.55 | -3.10 |
| | Pulses | 13.50 | 18.29 | 14.66 | -3.63 |
| | Foodgrains | 162.10 | 224.04 | 218.11 | -5.93 |
| | Rice | 67.40 | 96.81 | 95.32 | -1.49 |

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| 2010-11 | Wheat | 61.30 | 75.80 | 85.93 | 10.13 |
| | Coarse Cereals | 19.80 | 37.42 | 42.22 | 4.80 |
| | Pulses | 11.60 | 19.08 | 18.09 | -0.99 |
| | Foodgrains | 160.1 | 229.12 | 241.56 | 12.44 |

Note: For 2010-11, the figures of per capita availability are Provisional and the production figures are as per 4th advance estimates released on 19.07.2011.

(b) to (d): While the country has achieved self-sufficiency in production of rice and wheat, import dependence to meet the demand of pulses continues.

In order to increase the production of foodgrains including coarse cereals and pulses in the country to meet their demand and achieve food security, various Crop Development Schemes and Programmes, namely; National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Integrated Cereals Development Programme for Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals under Macro Management of Agriculture and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) are being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture through State Governments. In addition to above schemes, during 2010-11, two new programmes for bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India and Integrated Development of 60000 Pulses and Oilseeds Villages in rainfed areas were initiated under RKVY. National Food Security Mission has been strengthened from 1.4.2010 with the merger of pulses component of ISOPOM and inclusion of two new potential States namely; Assam and Jharkhand for pulses production. A new programme 'Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P)' in the form of block demonstrations has also been started to cover 1000 units of 1000 hectares each of five pulses crops in 16 pulse growing States of the country.

Further, to stabilize prices of essential commodities in the country, the Government has also taken various fiscal and administrative measures such as reduction in import duties, allowing duty free imports, removal of levy obligations, ban on export of food items and extending their stock limit, allocation of additional foodgrains for BPL families etc. on case to case basis.