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AVAILABILITY OF FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the growth in foodgrain production is in proportion to the rate of growth of population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the per capita availability of foodgrains including cereals and pulses in the country during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to meet the demand of foodgrains in order to achieve food security in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): Details of annual rate of growth in the projected population (based on 2001 Census) and production of foodgrains in the country during the 11th Five Year Plan are given in the table below:-

Year Annual growth rate (%)
Projected Production of
Population Foodgrains

2007-08	1.50	6.21
2008-09	1.46	1.60
2009-10	1.42	-6.98
2010-11	1.39	10.75#
Average Annual Growth Rate	1.44	2.90

Based on 4th advance estimates for 2010-11 released on 19.07.2011.

The average annual growth rate of production of foodgrains during the first four years of the 11th Plan Period has been higher than the average annual growth rate of population during the corresponding period.

(d): Details of per capita net availability of cereals, pulses and foodgrains during the last three years i.e. 2008 to 2010 are as under:-

Year Per Capita Net Availability (kg/year)
Cereals Pulses Foodgrains

2008	143.9	15.3	159.2
2009	148.6	13.5	162.1
2010 (P)	148.5	11.6	160.1

P: Provisional

The per capita net availability of cereals, pulses and foodgrains for 2011 has not been worked out.

(e): In order to increase the foodgrains production 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 demonstration has also been started to cover 1000 units of 1000 hectares each of five pulses crops in 16 pulse growing States of the country.