

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PER CAPITA AVAILABILITY OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inspite of 15 million tones production of pulses in 2010, there has been considerable decrease in the per capita availability of the same;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the schemes being implemented for increasing the production of pulses; and
- (d) the achievement made in this regard during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and scheme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): The per capita net availability of pulses since 2009 is given below:

(Grams per day)

Year Per capita availability
of pulses

2009 37.0
2010 35.4
2011 (P) 39.4

P – Provisional

(b): Stagnation in production of pulses around 15 million tones coupled with continuous increase in population has led to a decline in per capita availability of pulses. However, with record production of 18.24 million tones in 2010-11, per capita availability has increased to 39.4 grams per day.

(c) & (d): To increase production of pulses in the country the Government implements National Food Security Mission – Pulses (NFSM-Pulses), Accelerated Pulses Production Programme and Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses villages in Rainfed Areas.

Production of pulses since 2008-09 is given below:

(Million Tonnes)

Year Production of
Pulses

2008-09 14.57
2009-2010 14.66
2010-2011 18.24
2011-2012 17.28
(2nd Advance Estimate)