

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN AVAILABILITY OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the availability of foodgrains has increased by 3.3 per cent per year during the XI Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the advantages of this increase in availability of foodgrains has reached to the common consumers; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): The per capita net availability of foodgrains since 2007 is given below:

(Grams per day)

Year Per capita availability
of foodgrains

2007 442.8
2008 436.0
2009 444.0
2010 437.1
2011 (P) 462.9

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(c) & (d): As per the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (various rounds) carried out by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), between 2004-05 and 2009-10 while the per capita consumption of cereals and pulses and pulse products have declined in both rural and urban households, the consumption of fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs and fish etc. has increased both in rural and urban households.