

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2112  
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SURVEY ON HUNGER  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the data available on hunger in the country has not been updated for the past several years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey to update the data on hunger in the country;
- (d) if so, the time by which the survey is likely to be completed and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the International Food Policy Research Institute has recently released a report on 'Global Hunger Index'; and
- (f) if so, the details of the ranking of India according to the Index including the various sub-parameters?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(d): There is no Government data on hunger available. There is no proposal for conducting a survey on hunger.

(e)&(f): International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) has brought out a Global Hunger Index (GHI) Report in October, 2011. In this report, index has been calculated for 122 countries and India ranks 67 out of 81 countries finally included in the calculation. The GHI is based on three equally weighted indicators namely (i) percentage of proportion of undernourished in the population for the years 2005-07 (ii) percentage of prevalence of under-weight in children under five years for the years 2004-09 and (iii) percentage of under-five mortality rate for the year 2009.