

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONSUMPTION OF FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding consumption of foodgrains under the National Food Security Scheme on the basis of minimum requirement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the annual requirement of rice, wheat and pulses;
- (c) whether the contribution of the agriculture sector in the Gross Domestic Product has decreased during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the per capita availability of grains and pulses has decreased during the last three years and the current year; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government has introduced the National Food Security Bill, 2011 in the Lok Sabha on 22.12.2011. As per provision of the Bill, the annual requirements of the foodgrains for targeted public distribution system and other food based welfare schemes is estimated at 60.74 Million Tonnes. The National Food Security Mission (NFSM) was implemented in 11th Plan (2007-2012) to increase the foodgrains production by 20 Million Tonnes (10 Million Tonnes of Rice & 8 Million Tonnes of Wheat and 2 Million Tonnes of Pulses) by the year 2011-12 (XI Plan) to meet the demand of growing population. The Mission has delivered its envisaged outcomes and an additional foodgrains production of about 40 Million Tonnes has already been achieved by 2011-12 against pre-NFSM year of 2006-07. The highest ever foodgrain production of 257.44 Million Tonnes is estimated during 2011-12 (4th Advance Estimate) which is 13.44 Million Tones higher than the Planning Commission's projected demand of 244 Million Tonnes.

(c) & (d): Contribution of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in agriculture and allied sector to the GDP of the total economy has slightly decreased during the last 3 years. The details are as under:

Year Contribution of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
 in Agriculture and allied sectors to the GDP of
 the Total Economy

2008-09 15.8

2009-10 14.7

2010-11 14.5

2011-12 14.0

Source: NAD, CSO

(e) & (f): The per capita availability of foodgrains and pulses has increased from 436 Grams per day in 2008 to about 463 Grams per day in 2011 (provisional). The year-wise details are as under:

(Grams per day)

Year	Rice	Wheat	Pulses	Foodgrains
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2008	175.4	145.1	41.8	436.0
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2009	188.4	154.7	37.0	444.0
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2010	182.0	168.2	35.4	437.1
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2011 (P)	188.8	164.6	39.4	462.9
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