

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

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EXPENDITURE ON FOOD  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to find out how much an Indian on average spends on food requirements as compared to countries such as USA, UK, France, Japan and Italy; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and programme Implementation conducts periodical surveys on household consumer expenditure where in the data on average expenditure by a household on different items of consumption is collected. The latest results of the survey conducted by NSSO are available in its report for 66th round entitled 'Key Indicators of Household Consumer Expenditure in India, 2009-10'. As per the report, average 'Monthly per Capita Expenditure with Mixed Reference Period' (MPCEMRP) on food items was estimated as Rs.497.09 in rural areas and Rs.727.49 in urban areas in 2009-10. However, such surveys do not include comparison with other countries.