

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:429  
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2013  
AVAILABILITY OF FOODGRAINS  
Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the per capita foodgrain availability in the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the existing availability of per capita foodgrain is sufficient to meet its demands in the country;and
- (c) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase its availability in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

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

(Grams per day)

Year	Per capita availability of foodgrains
------	---------------------------------------

2009	444.0
------	-------

2010	437.1
------	-------

2011 (P)	462.9
----------	-------

P: Provisional

(b) & (c) The country has substantial stocks of rice and wheat to meet its requirements. Import of pulses is undertaken to meet the gap in demand and supply of pulses. Moreover, Government implements various programmes/schemes, inter alia, with the objective of increasing production and productivity of foodgrains namely Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM) etc.