

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

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CALORIE CONSUMPTION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the disparity in consumption of food in calorie terms between the urban and rural population has been reviewed;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the per capita consumption of food in terms of calories and proteins has declined in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard, Statewise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) As per details available in the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) Report No. 540 of NSS 66th round (July 2009-June 2010) on "Nutritional Intake in India", the per capita per day intake of calorie & protein has declined between 2004-05 and 2009-10. The per capita per day intake of calorie and protein for rural and urban population has been as follows:

YEAR	RURAL	URBAN				
	Calorie	Protein	Calorie	Protein		
	(Kcal)	([0.0]gm)	(Kcal)	([0.0]gm)		

2004-05	2047	57.0	2020	57.0		
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2009-10	2020	55.0	1946	53.5		
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As revealed by these surveys the calorie intake is higher in rural population than the urban population.

In addition to the allocation of foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) @ 35 kg per family per month for Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families, the Government is also making allocation of foodgrains (rice, wheat and coarse grains) under other Welfare Schemes implemented by different Ministries/Departments of Central Government and States Governments such as Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP), Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG) - 'SABLA', Mid-Day-Meal Scheme, etc.