GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4782 ANSWERED ON:23.04.2013 AVAILABILITY OF FOODGRAINS Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a 3.3 percent annual increase in the availability of foodgrains during the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the benefits of this increased availability of foodgrains have reached the common consumer; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the Government's reaction thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The per capita net availability of foodgrains since 2007 is given below:

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(Grams per day)
Year Per capita net availability of foodgrains
2007 442.8

2008 436.0

2009 444.0

2010 437.1

2011(P) 462.9
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(c) & (d): As per the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (various rounds) carried out by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), between 2004-05 and 2009-10 while the per capita consumption of cereals and pulses and pulse products have declined in both rural and urban households, the consumption of fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs, fish etc. has increased both in rural and urban households.