

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

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

- (a) whether the consumption of foodgrains by the people living below poverty line is less in comparison to its availability;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the extent of per capita consumption of foodgrains by the people living below poverty line and the people living above poverty line in the country; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to bridge the gap?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): As per the Economic Survey 2012-13, the per capita net availability per day of cereals (rice, wheat and coarse cereals) during 2010 was 401.7 grams i.e. an average of 12.22 kg. per person per month. According to National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)'s report, in the period 2009-10, the per capita consumption of cereals in a month was 11.35 kg. in rural areas and 9.37 kg. in urban areas. However, specific information regarding per capita consumption of foodgrains by the people living below poverty line and the people living above poverty line in the country is not available.

(c): Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.