

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF MILK AND FRUITS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the per capita availability of milk, fruits and vegetables in the country as compared to the world's average;
- (b) whether in spite of India being the second largest horticultural producing country in the world, a large population in the country do not have adequate access to fruits and vegetables for daily consumption;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the efforts made by the Government to make available adequate quantity of milk and its by-products in the country for daily consumption?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): As per estimates, the per capita availability of milk, fruits and vegetables in the country is 290 g, 200 g and 401 g, respectively which is comparable to the World average. During 2011-12, the production of fruits and vegetables in India was 76.42 million tonnes and 156.33 million tonnes, respectively. Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing various programmes for promotion of horticulture in the country. Under which, steps are being taken to increase production & productivity of crops, creation of post harvest management & marketing infrastructure and setting up of processing units to increase access of common man to fruits and vegetables for daily consumption.

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, is implementing the following schemes to enhance the production of milk in country:

- (i) National Dairy Plan-Phase I
- (ii) National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.
- (iii) Livestock Health and Disease Control.
- (iv) Fodder and Feed Development scheme.
- (v) Intensive Dairy Development Programme.
- (vi) Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production.
- (vii) Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme.

The efforts under the above mentioned schemes are supplemented by funds provided under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and National Mission for Protein Supplements.