

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the per capita consumption of pulses has decreased from 70 grams to 25 grams over the years;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there has been a substantial decrease in the production and average per capita consumption of pulses in India in comparison to the developed and developing countries as a result of which a large quantity of pulses are being imported;
- (d) if so, the details of current production and consumption of pulses in the country in comparison to the developed and developing countries including China; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the production and productivity of pulses?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): As per the latest available data through Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (various rounds) carried out by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), the per capita consumption of pulses & pulse products has declined both in rural and urban areas as indicated in the Table below:

(Kgs. per Annum)		
Year	Rural	Urban
1993-94	9.25	10.46
2004-05	8.64	9.98
2009-10	7.92	9.60

Between 2001-02 and 2011-12, production of pulses has increased from 13.37 million tonnes to 17.09 million tonnes. However, rate of increase in production has not kept pace with the increase in population and rise in income.

Protein consumption in the form of pulses cannot be compared with the developed and developing countries as their food habits differ and pulses do not form part of protein consumption in many developed countries.

(d): Production of pulses of the top five producing countries for 2010 and the annual growth rate between 2000 and 2010, as per Statistical Year Book, 2013 published by Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), is given in the Table below:

Country	Production during 2010 (million tonnes)	% age growth per annum in production between 2000 and 2010
India	18.24	2.3
Canada	5.35	1.9
Myanmar	4.49	10.5
China	3.89	(-)1.9
Nigeria	3.42	4.3

Data on consumption of pulses in other countries is not available.

(e): To increase production and productivity of pulses in the country the Government implements, inter alia, National Food Security Mission – Pulses (NFSM-Pulses), under which assistance is provided by way of distribution of certified seeds, integrated nutrient management, integrated pest management, distribution of sprinkler sets etc., higher Minimum Support Prices for pulses to incentivize production etc.