

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:694

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WORLD FOOD DAY

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

- (a) whether the World Food Day was celebrated in the country recently;and
- (b) if so, the details and the agenda thereof along with the programmes undertaken thereunder?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The World Food Day (WFD) is celebrated as an International Day on 16th October every year to commemorate the founding of Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) of United Nations; and to create awareness about food, nutrition and the fight against hunger. The theme for WFD 2013 was "Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition".With a view to celebrate/observe the WFD 2013 throughout the country, Chief Secretaries of all States and Administrators of Union Territories as well as the concerned Ministries/Departments under Government of India including organizations of the Department of Food and Public Distribution were requested to organize Programmes/Meetings/ Seminars in consultation with the other stakeholders. A national message from Union Agriculture Minister on the occasion of WFD 2013 was also published in national/regional dailies. The Press Information Bureau was also requested to telecast/broadcast the Agriculture Minister's message for creating awareness about the theme of the WFD 2013 among citizens.