

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3986
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PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether consequent upon the rise in the prices of essential commodities like agriculture products and food commodities, the per-capita consumption of foodgrains and cereals have declined in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the price and per-capita consumption of the said items during the last three years and the current year along with the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) There is no direct link established between changes in price and per capita consumption. Per-capita consumption is determined mainly by factors such as population/family size, income levels, consumption pattern/dietary habits, etc.
- (b) Does not arise.