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FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a huge difference in the rate of foodgrain production and that of population growth during the last two plan periods;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor; and
- (c) the per capita consumption of foodgrains in India during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Plan wise growth in population is not available from Population Census. However, as per Population Census, the average annual growth rate in population during the decade 1991 to 2001 was 2.15%. The average annual growth rates in foodgrains production during the ninth and tenth plan periods have been 1.46% and 1.29% respectively.

To a large extent, the production of foodgrains is affected by the natural factors such as rainfall situation, weather conditions, natural calamities like drought/flood etc.

(c): The plan wise details of per capita of foodgrains is not available. However, as per reports of the Consumer Expenditure Surveys 1999-2000 (55th Round) and 2004-05 (61st Round) conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), the monthly per capita consumption of foodgrains in India are given below:-

Year Per Capita Monthly consumption of foodgrains (in Kg.)

Rural Urban

1999-2000 13.53 11.38

2004-05 12.79 10.73