

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONSUMPTION OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of per capita consumption of pulses in the country during each of the last three years, Statewise;
- (b) whether the per capita consumption of pulses is consistently decreasing due to less production of pulses in the country; and
- (c) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government to increase the annual production of pulses in the country?

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 National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) does not compile quantity of consumption of pulses for its annual rounds. The State wise details of per capita value of consumption of pulses in the country during the year 2006-07 to 2008-09 are given in Annexure. At all India level the monthly per capita consumption in terms of value for rural areas has increased from Rs.17.91 during 2004-05 to Rs.22.67 during 2006-07. For urban area the monthly per capita consumption during the above period has increased from Rs.23.62 to Rs.30.06.

(c): In order to increase production and productivity of pulses in the country, the Government of India is implementing an Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) from 1.4.2004 in 14 major pulse growing States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The Government is also implementing the National Food Security Mission since 2007-08 which, inter alia, aims to increase the production of pulses by 2 million tonnes by the end of the Eleventh Plan, i.e., by 2011-12 through increase of area and enhancement of productivity in the targeted districts in the country.