

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the per capita foodgrain consumption of the people in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the present per capita food consumption has come down as compared to a decade back;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d): As per National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)s estimates of per capita consumption obtained from the NSS Consumer expenditure survey (CES) of households during NSS 61st round (July 2004-June 2005) and NSS 68th round (July 2011- June 2012), the consumption of cereals per person per month has declined from 12.114 kg in 2004-05 to 11.217 kg in 2011-12 in rural and 9.940 kg in 2004-05 to 9.280 kg in 2011-12 in urban areas.

(e): Government implements various programmes/ schemes viz Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) etc. with the objective of increasing production and productivity of foodgrains. In addition, the Government also provides subsidized foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) which aims at ensuring food security for the poor. Under National Food Security Act, 2013, two third of the population of the country is entitled to receive subsidized foodgrains under TPDS.