

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the per capita availability of foodgrains has decreased during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to address this issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (c): The per capita net availability of foodgrains for the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 is given below:

(Grams per day)

| Year | Per capita net availability of foodgrains |
|---------|---|
| 2010 | 437.1 |
| 2011 | 453.6 |
| 2012 | 450.3 |
| 2013(P) | 510.8 |

(P) Provisional

Fluctuations in per capita net availability are mainly due to fluctuations in production on account of variations in weather conditions, increasing population, change in stocks etc.

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 rice, wheat and other crops. In addition, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Agricultural Universities (SAU) have developed a number of improved varieties/hybrids of foodgrain crops to enhance production and productivity of food crops.

In addition, Government imports various agricultural commodities to augment their domestic availability.