

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONSUMPTION OF FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding production and consumption of foodgrains on the basis of minimum requirement in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the per capita net availability per day of cereals, pulses, onions, sugarcane and other foodgrains during each of the last three years and the current year, crop and State-wise;
- (c) whether the area under cultivation of these crops has declined in the country during the the above period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, crop and State-wise along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to enhance acreage of crops and to ensure adequate per capita availability of staple food crops in the country?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): First Advance Estimates of production of agricultural crops are generally released in the month of September and the same for the current year, i.e., 2014-15 have not been released so far. However, State-wise details of production of foodgrains during 2011-12 to 2013-14 are given in Annexure-I. Based upon the actual household consumption as per Consumption Expenditure Survey conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) for 2011-12 (latest available), the State-wise estimates of monthly per capita quantity of consumption of cereals (rice and wheat), pulses, onion and sugar are given in Annexure-II. State-wise details of per capita availability of sugarcane are not available. However, as per information available with Department of Food & Public Distribution, monthly per capita consumption of sugar during the sugar season (October-September) 2011-12 and 2012-13 has been 1.558 kg.

The details of per capita availability of cereals, pulses and sugar are worked out only at all India level and the same for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 are as under:

Year Per Capita Net Availability
(Grams per day)

	Cereals	Pulses	Sugar\$
2011	410.6	43.0	73.5
2012	408.6	41.7	71.6
2013#	468.9	41.9	74.3

Provisional \$As per sugar season (Oct.-Sept.)

Note: Per capita availability of onion is not available

(c) & (d): State-wise details of area coverage under cereals, pulses, onion and sugarcane during the last three years, i.e., 2011-12 to 2013-14 are given in Annexure-III. Depending on the rainfall situation, shift in area to other competing crops, etc., the area under cultivation of above crops has been generally fluctuating.

(e): In order to enhance acreage and production to ensure adequate per capita availability of staple food crops in the country, the Government of India has been implementing through State Governments several Crop Development Schemes/Programmes such as National Food Security Mission (Rice, Wheat, Pulses and Coarse Cereals), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) as a Sub-scheme of RKVY.