

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 801**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017

**AVAILABILITY OF FOODGRAINS**

801. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a declining trend in the per capita availability of foodgrains and pulses during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the availability of foodgrains in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) to (c): As per the data available, the per capita availability of foodgrains and pulses since 2012 are given below:-

Year	Per capita Availability (Gram per day)	
	Foodgrains	Pulses
2012	463.8	41.7
2013	491.9	43.3
2014	489.3	46.4
2015(P)	465.1	43.8

P: Provisional

Government has taken several initiatives to increase production and productivity of foodgrains including pulses to improve their availability which, inter alia, includes National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card etc.

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

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