

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 496  
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2015**

**SURVEY OF NSSO**

**496. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:**

**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the average per capita monthly expenditure of rural and urban population as per the recent survey of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO);**
- (b) whether as per recent survey of NSSO, there has been a continuous decline in spending on food in rural areas; and**
- (c) if so, the percentage of spending on food out of the total expenditure during each of the last three years and the current year and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]**

**(a): As per the recent survey of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) on Household Consumer Expenditure conducted during July 2011 to June 2012, the average Monthly Per Capita Expenditure using Uniform Reference Period (URP) was estimated as Rs.1279 in rural India and Rs. 2399 in urban India.**

**(b): No, Madam. The details of estimated Average Monthly Per Capita Consumer Expenditure on Food Items in rural areas using Uniform Reference Period are as under:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>In Rs.</b>
<b>2004-05</b>	<b>307.60</b>
<b>2009-10</b>	<b>497.09</b>
<b>2011-12</b>	<b>621.96</b>

**(c): Does not arise.**

\*\*\*\*\*