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PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the per-capita consumption of foodgrains is less than the availability of foodgrains for people living below poverty line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the per-capita consumption of foodgrains among persons belonging to the below poverty line and above poverty line in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to bridge the consumption gap?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)to(d): The latest quinquennial survey undertaken by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 1999-2000 (55th Round) estimates the per capita consumption of foodgrains among the people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in rural areas at 11.90 kg/month and in Urban areas at 10.66 kg/month while the per capita consumption of foodgrains among the people living Above Poverty Line (APL) in Rural areas has been estimated at 14.13 kg/month and in Urban areas at 11.59 kg./month. The per capita availability of foodgrains in 1999 was 13.97 kgs per month in the country.

With a view to increase the availability of foodgrains, the Government implements employment generation and welfare schemes to enhance access of the needy sections of population to foodgrains. These include the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana, the Targeted Public Distribution system (TPDS), Mid-day Meal Scheme and the Antyodaya Anna Yojana.