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

- (a) the per-capita availability of foodgrains in the country;
- (b) whether per-capita availability of foodgrains in the country is sufficient;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve the situation;
- (d) whether the per-capita availability of foodgrains has improved over the previous decade;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the estimated demand of foodgrains in the country for the next five years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)to(e): The estimated per capita availability of foodgrains in 2005 works out to be 154.2 kgs. It has been fluctuating during the last decade as can be seen from the table below:

(Kg. Per year)

Year	Per capita Availability
1995	180.8
1996	173.5
1997	183.6
1998	163.2
1999	170.0
2000	165.9
2001	151.9
2002	180.4
2003	159.7
2004	168.9
2005 (P)	154.2

(P) - Provisional

To increase production and productivity, the Government has put in place the schemes like Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) for Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM), enhancing Institutional credit flow to farmers, ensuring timely availability of quality inputs, optimizing efficient utilization of available water resources through micro irrigation and enhancing the sustainability of dryland/rain fed farming systems, reforming agricultural markets, putting in place a broader spectrum of risk management apparatus for farmers, etc.

(f): The Planning Commission has constituted a Sub-Group for working out the demand and supply projection of foodgrains for the 11th Plan.