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PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Per Capita Domestic Consumption of Agricultural Products has declined in recent years ;
- (b) If so, the factors attributed thereto; and
- (c) The steps taken/proposed to be taken to promote consumption of agricultural products in the country ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) : The all India per capita monthly consumption of rice and wheat, as indicated by Surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation, is given in the table below :

(in kgs.)

Commodity	43rd Round		55th Round		60th Round			
	1987-88	1993-94	1999-2000	2004				
Rice	6.81	5.26	6.79	5.13	6.59	5.10	6.80	4.88
Wheat	4.48	4.37	4.32	4.44	4.45	4.45	4.25	4.67

Though the per capita consumption of rice in rural areas has not shown much change but the per capita consumption of wheat has declined from 4.48 kgs. in 1987-88 to 4.25 kgs. in 2004. However, in urban areas the per capita consumption of rice has declined significantly, while the per capita consumption of wheat has increased from 4.37 kgs. in 1987-88 to 4.67 kgs. in 2004. The changes in consumption pattern are attributed to changes in consumption habits of the populace dependent mainly on their income levels.

(c): 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.