

Foodgrains Availability

1692. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production, import, export, opening and closing stocks of foodgrains in the country year-wise during the last three years;

(b) the total actual availability of foodgrains in the country for consumption during each year; and

(c) the per capita availability of foodgrains during each year on the basis of the estimated median population of the country during that year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The total production, import, export, opening and closing stocks of foodgrains in each of the last three years are, indicated below:

(Thousand tonnes)

| Year | Total Production | Import | Exports* | Stocks (with public agencies) | |
|---------|------------------|--------|----------|-------------------------------|---------|
| | | | | Opening | Closing |
| 1979 | 131,902 | .. | 790 | 17160 | 17519 |
| 1980 | 109,701 | .. | 1038 | 17519 | 11739 |
| 1981(P) | 129,867 | .. | 218 | 11739 | 11284 |

*Through FCI on Government of India Account and relate to financial years 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81.

P: Provisional.

(b) and (c) The net availability of foodgrains in the country for consumption and the per capita net availability in each of the last three years are indicated below;

| Year | Total net availability ('000 tonnes) | Per Capita net availability (Kgs/year) |
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| 1979 | 114,199 | 173.2 |
| 1980 | 101,418 | 150.4 |
| 1981(P) | 114,865 | 167.9 |

NOTE: The figures are provisional.

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AFRO-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation

1693. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK:

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SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA;

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) India's contribution to the Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation (AARRO) functioning in the Capital since its inception;

(b) the extent to which AARRO has contributed in the rural development of the country; and

(c) what is Government's estimates of AARRO work with regard to India's rural development' keeping in view of India's contribution?