

(d) Efforts are being made to develop and introduce technologies for reduction of harvest and post harvest losses at critical stages, like harvesting and threshing of food grains, and storage and transportation of fruits and vegetables.

Per capita availability of foodgrains

4667.DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether per capita availability of foodgrains is as per the norms;
- (b) if so, what are the norms and the per capita availability of foodgrains during the last five years; and
- (c) the steps being taken to increase the per capita availability of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) The availability of foodgrains in the country is derived from total domestic production and net import.

The per capital net availability of foodgrains since 2007 is given below:

Year	(Grams per day) Per capita net availability of foodgrains
2007	442.8
2008	436.0
2009	444.0
2010	437.1
2011 (p)	462.9

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(c) The Government, inter alia, implements various schemes such as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) etc. under which various incentives are given with a view to increasing agricultural productivity and production. In addition, Government imports various agricultural commodities to augment their domestic availability.