

was 17.70% for the year 2010, declined to 9.09% for the year 2011 and to 8.50% for the year 2012. During the month of July 2013 rate of inflation for food articles stood at 11.91%. The details are as follows:

Commodity Name	2010	2011	2012	July, 2013
Food Articles	17.70	9.09	8.50	11.91
Cereals	7.72	3.87	9.56	17.66
Rice	7.56	3.24	8.91	21.15
Wheat	7.78	-1.58	9.47	13.42
Pulses	12.33	-1.81	18.86	-7.39
Vegetables	8.28	7.65	11.12	46.59
Sugar	14.70	0.57	9.88	1.93
Edible oils	2.35	13.35	9.92	-2.23

Source: DIPP

Rise in the prices of essential commodities are due to several factors such as shortfall in domestic supply related to demand, transportation cost, weather conditions and improvement in income and living standards with resultant changes in dietary habits etc.

(c) With a view to insulate the vulnerable sections of society and common man, Government has initiated several measures to contain price rise and improve availability of essential commodities such as import of various items of mass consumption at zero or concessional import duties together with restriction on exports, prescribing stock holding limits under Essential Commodities Act and allocation of foodgrains at affordable prices under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).

Per capita availability consumption of foodgrains

2255. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative figures of per capita availability of foodgrains in rural and urban areas of the country in 2000-2001 and at present;

- (b) the per capita average consumption of foodgrains in the country;
- (c) whether foodgrains being provided to families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) is equal to the per capita average consumption in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to ensure adequate availability of foodgrains in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The per capita net availability of foodgrains in the country for 2001, 2005 and 2010-2012 was as under:

(Grams per day)	
Year	Foodgrains
2001	416.2
2005	422.4
2010	437.1
2011	453.6
2012(P)	449.9

(b) As per the latest available data through Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (various rounds) carried out by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), the per capita consumption of cereals was as under:

(Kg. per Annum)		
Year	Cereals	
	Rural	Urban
1993-94	163.03	128.97
2004-05	147.46	120.94
2009-10	138.08	114.05

(c) and (d) Government of India allocates foodgrains (rice/wheat) @ 35 kg per family per month under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) to BPL families in all States/Union Territories (UTs).

(e) Between 2001-02 and 2011-12, production of foodgrains has increased from 212.85 million tons to 259.29 million tons. Government implements various programmes/schemes viz Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) etc. with the objective of increasing production and productivity.

Missing of huge stock of paddy and wheat from CWC godowns

2256. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge stock of paddy and wheat are reported missing from the godowns of Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) the action taken against the concerned authorities so far; and
- (d) the steps being taken to increase the security of foodgrains at Central Warehousing Corporation godowns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) There is no incident of loss of Paddy reported from the godowns of the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC). However, 8756 bags of wheat and 2595 bags of rice belonging to Food Corporation of India (FCI) have been reported short at Central Warehouse, Amrawati in the State of Maharashtra and theft of 186 bags of Rice belonging to FCI has been reported at Central Warehouse, Jeypore (Odisha) during December, 2011. No clear reasons for short of the wheat and rice have been identified.

(c) In the case of missing stock of wheat and rice at Amrawati, FIR has been lodged at local Police Station against 11 employees of the Corporation and the Warehouse Manager has been transferred. In case of theft of rice at Jeypore, FIR has been lodged with the local Police and claim has also been raised with the Insurance Company towards the cost of stocks.

(d) CWC has adequate security arrangements for the safety and security of stocks stored at its Warehouses. Monthly physical verification is carried out and tallied with records. General inspections, technical inspections and internal audits are also carried out at regular intervals to ensure quality and quantity of the stocks. Vigilance Division also undertakes periodic preventive checks.