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Written Answers to

Consumption of foodgrains

- *175. SHRI D. BANDYOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that inspite of record production of 264 million tonnes of foodgrains in 2013-14, foodgrains consumed per head, directly as food, is actually lower today than a decade ago, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether Government's policy of export-led development has anything to do with this, resulting in denying foodgrains to the local population?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH): (a) and (b) As per the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (various rounds) carried out by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), between 2004-05 and 2011-12 the per annum per capita consumption of rice and its products has shown a slight decline in both rural and urban households. However, there has been a slight increase in case of wheat and its products for rural households and there is an increase in consumption of pulses and pulse products in both rural and urban households. Per annum per capita consumption of fruits, vegetables, milk, eggs, chicken etc. have also increased both in rural and urban households in the same period. Details indicating their per annum per capita consumption between 2004-05 and 2011-12 is given in the Statement (See below).

[#] Non-functional as reported by Nodal Officer, Delhi. Efforts are being made to make it functional.

^{##} The Nodal Officer of Jharkhand who has recently joined has reported closure of these stores. However efforts are being made to get them reopened.

^{\$} Jan Aushadhi stores at Sl. No. 103 to 106 are functional. However medicines are not being procured from BPPI and are being locally procured. Health Department of the State Govt. is being persuaded to procure the medicines from BPPI.

Consumption of specific items of foodgrains, varies from place to place and within different sections of people depending upon income levels, preferences of the consumers, their cultural values, etc.

In addition, the Government also provides subsidized foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) which aims at enhancing the consumption of food and ensuring food security for the poor.

Statement

Details showing per annum per capita consumption of fruits, vegetables,
milk etc. between 2004-05 and 2011-12

(Quantity	in Kgs.	per annum	per	capita)

Commodity	2004-05		2011-12	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
Rice & Rice Products	77.62	57.31	74.62	56.73
Wheat & Wheat Products	50.98	53.05	53.85	52.57
Pulses & Pulse Products	8.64	9.98	9.53	10.96
Banana*	28.84	50.37	50.86	81.40
Apple	0.37	1.40	0.71	2.32
Vegetables	35.53	38.57	52.71	52.61
Milk#	47.09	62.17	52.72	65.97
Eggs *	12.29	20.93	23.60	38.69
Chicken	0.61	1.03	2.17	2.91

Source: National Sample Survey Office (various Rounds).

Indebtedness among farmers

- *176. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether as per the recent survey report of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), more than 50 per cent of agricultural households are in debt, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

^{*} in Nos.

[#] in Litres