

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA

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ANSWERED ON

ROTTENING OF FOODGRAINS .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALCONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that during just concluded monsoon, lakhs of tonnes of foodgrains were lost as the proper warehousing system was simply absent with Food Corporation of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof with a list of State-wise losses of foodgrains that were kept in open;
- (c) whether Government, in view of the above, had any plan to improve the proper storage capacity with Food Corporation of India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the likely time-frame by which these projects would be completed?

ANSWER

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(a) and (b): No, Sir. However, some quantity of foodgrains stored in open/CAP in FCI got damaged during just concluded monsoon season of 2010. The State-wise damage of foodgrains are as follows: S. No. Region Quantity of wheat damaged (in tons) 1. Uttar Pradesh 138.05 2. Rajasthan 8.56 3. Punjab 1.50 4. Maharashtra 18.00 5. Gujarat 280.00 6. West Bengal 21.70 Total 467.81 In addition, 0.52 tons of rice got damaged at railhead in Bihar.

(c), (d) and (e): Government has taken up construction of covered storage capacity of 1.388 lakh tons during 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12) with Food Corporation of India. Besides, additional storage capacity of 150 lakh tons has also been planned through private sector participation.