

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 12.11.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**WASTAGE OF FOODGRAINS .**

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

- (a) the quantum of wastage of foodgrains in last two years;
- (b) the details of such wastage by FCI, State warehousing corporations and rented food stores during this period;
- (c) the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action Government proposes in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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(a) & (b): The details of foodgrains accrued as damaged in Food Corporation of India (FCI) during last two years ie 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as under:

(Fig. in tons) Year Wheat Rice Paddy Coarse grains Total 2008-09 947 19163 0 4 20114 2009-10 2010  
3680 1012 0 6702 Details of wheat accrued as damaged with State Government agencies of Punjab and  
Haryana during last two years ie 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as under:

(Fig. in tons) Year Punjab Haryana 2008-09 64218 5929 2009-10 26583 3682 In addition, 412 tons of bajra  
were damaged in Haryana during 2008-09.

(c): The foodgrains get damaged during storage due to various reasons such as storage pest attack,  
leakages in godowns, procurement of poor quality stocks, during movement of stocks, exposure to rains,  
floods etc.

(d) Steps taken by Government for safe preservation of foodgrains and to enhance storage capacity are at  
annex. For damages to/loss of foodgrains, FCI has taken disciplinary action against 78 officers during 2008-  
09 and 2009-10. Annex ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION  
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(A) STEPS TAKEN/ TO BE TAKEN BY FCI FOR SAFE STORAGE AND PRESERVATION OF  
FOODGRAINS

(i) All FCI godowns are to be constructed as per specifications.

(ii) Foodgrains are to be stored by adopting proper scientific code of storage practices of the foodgrains.

(iii) Adequate dunnage materials, such as, wooden crates, bamboo mats, polythene sheets are to be used  
to check the migration of moisture from the floor.

(iv) Fumigation covers, nylon ropes, nets and insecticides for control of stored grain insect pests are to be  
provided in all the godowns.

(v) Prophylactic (spraying of insecticides) and curative treatments (fumigation) are to be carried out regularly  
and timely in FCI godowns for the control of stored grain insect pests.

(vi) Effective rat control measures, both in covered godowns as well as in CAP storage are to be used.

(vii) Foodgrains in 'Cover and Plinth' (CAP) storage are to be stored on elevated plinths and wooden crates are used as dunnage material. Stacks are properly covered with specifically fabricated low-density black polythene water proof covers and tied with nylon ropes/nets.

(viii) Regular periodic inspections of the stocks/godowns are to be undertaken by qualified and trained staff of FCI including senior officers.

(ix) The principle of "First in First Out" (FIFO) is to be followed to the extent possible so as to avoid longer storage of foodgrains in godowns.

(x) Only covered wagons are used for movement of foodgrains so as to avoid damages during transit.

(B) STEPS TAKEN TO ENHANCE STORAGE CAPACITY Government has taken up construction of scientific 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.