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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2319
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2022

WASTAGE OF FOODGRAINS

2319 # SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:
PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that stored foodgrains get wasted every year;

(b) if so, the details of the value and quantity of foodgrains wasted during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government has found any appropriate reason for the huge wastage of these foodgrains; and

(d) the details of the preventive measures adopted by Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) to (c): Food Corporation of India (FCI) procures, stores & handles huge quantities of foodgrains. Procured foodgrains are stored in a scientific manner. Inspite of all precautionary measures, a very negligible quantity of foodgrains accrue as damaged mainly due to natural calamities *viz.* flood, cyclone rain etc. The details on the value and quantity of foodgrains, which got damaged in the godowns of FCI during the last five years are as under:

Year	Accrued Quantity of damaged foodgrains (in Lakh Tonnes)	Offtake Quantity (excluding DCP) (In Lakh Tonnes)	% of damaged foodgrains against offtake quantity	Value in Rs. Crore
2017-18	0.027	452.16	0.006	3.22

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2018-19	0.05	500.08	0.01	6.73
2019-20	0.02	455.13	0.004	2.61
2020-21	0.02	688.56	0.003	2.77
2021-22	0.017	766.08	0.001	2.51

(d): Steps taken by the Government to prevent wastage of foodgrains are enclosed at Annexure.

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ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2319 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 05.08.2022 IN RAJYA SABHA

Steps taken by the Government to prevent wastage of foodgrains are as under:

(i) All godowns are constructed as per specifications.
(ii) Foodgrains are stored by adopting proper scientific code of storage practices.
(iii) Adequate dunnage materials such as wooden crates, bamboo mats, polythene sheets are used to check migration of moisture from the floor to the foodgrains.
(iv) Fumigation covers, nylon ropes, nets and insecticides for control of stored grain insect pests are provided in all the godowns.
(v) Prophylactic (spraying of insecticides) and curative treatments (fumigation) are carried out regularly and timely in godowns for the control of stored grain insect pests.
(vi) Effective rat control measures are taken.
(vii) Foodgrains in 'Cover and Plinth' (CAP) storage are 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 undertaken by qualified and trained staff and all senior officers. The health of the foodgrains is monitored at regular intervals by a system of checks and super checks at different levels.
(ix) The principle of "First in First Out" (FIFO) is followed to the extent possible so as to avoid longer storage of foodgrains in godowns.
(x) Only covered rail wagons are used for movement of foodgrains so as to avoid damage during transit.
(xi) Identify & repair all the leakage point in the roof is done periodically.
(xii) Cleaning of drainages in the godown premises.
(xiii) Ensure no seepage inside the godowns.
(xiv) No clogging of water in the premises is ensured.

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