

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1026  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**

**POLICY FOR REDUCING FOOD WASTAGE**

1026 DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey on foodgrains in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of quantity of foodgrains wasted along with the reasons, during the last five years;
- (c) whether Government proposes to develop a food wastage reduction policy in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the measures taken by Government to reduce wastage of food in Government offices, canteens, food shops etc.; and
- (e) whether Government has introduced incentive measures to reduce wastage of food in private places, if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**  
**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND**  
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(a) and (b): No such survey has been conducted by the Department of Food and Public Distribution.

The foodgrains procured for Central Pool is stored in a scientific manner and a very negligible quantity of foodgrains accrues as damaged/become non-issuable mainly due to natural calamities viz. cyclone, flood, rain etc. The details on the quantity of foodgrains (rice & wheat) which got damaged in godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) during last five years are as under:

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Non-Issuable Foodgrains Accrued (In LMT)</b>	<b>Off-take Quantity (Excluding DCP) (Figures in LMTs)</b>	<b>% of Damaged Foodgrains against Off-take Quantity (Excluding DCP)</b>
2018-19	0.052	500.08	0.010
2019-20	0.019	455.13	0.004
2020-21	0.019	688.57	0.003
2021-22	0.017	766.08	0.002
2022-23	0.016	675.826	0.002

(c) to (e): The Department of Consumer Affairs has carried out publicity campaigns through print and electronic media from time to time to sensitize people against food wastage including reduce food wastage in government offices, canteens, food outlets, etc.,. In addition to this, the States/UTs were advised by the Central Government to include a chapter on prevention of food wastage in the school syllabi in order to inculcate awareness among young students and sensitize them on the subject.

Further, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched a social initiative known as “Save Food Share Food” to help promote donation of surplus food and reduce food waste by integrating various food distribution agencies, caterers and other stakeholders. FSSAI has also notified Food Safety and Standards (Recovery and Distribution of Surplus Food) Regulations, 2019 which specify the responsibilities of food donors and surplus food distribution organizations so that the donated food remains safe for human consumption.

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