

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1642  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

**WASTAGE OF FOODGRAINS AND FOOD PRODUCTS IN  
GODOWNS AND IN TRANSIT**

1642 **SHRI SAKET GOKHALE:**

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

- (a) the details of leakage, damage and wastage of grains, perishable fruits, vegetables and food products from the godowns of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) across the country between the period of January 2021 to October 2024, month-wise; and
- (b) the total amount (in percentage) of perishable fruits and vegetables that are estimated to be wasted during transit to various markets in the country and the steps taken to prevent this?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(**SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA**)

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(a): Food Corporation of India (FCI) procures, stores & handles huge quantities of foodgrains. Procured foodgrains are stored in a scientific manner. In spite of all precautionary measures, a very negligible quantity of foodgrains accrue as damaged mainly due to natural calamities viz. flood, cyclone, rains etc.

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The details of the quantity of foodgrains damaged during the period of January 2021 to October, 2024 are as under:

Year	Damaged foodgrains accrued (in Lakh Metric Tonnes)	Off-take quantity (excluding Decentralized Procurement) (in Lakh Metric Tonnes)	% of damaged foodgrains against off-take quantity (excluding Decentralized Procurement)
2020-21 (January, 2021 to March 2021)	0.001	118.020	0.001
2021-22	0.017	766.08	0.002
2022-23	0.016	675.82	0.002
2023-24	0.103	470.71	0.022
2024-25 (as on 31.10.2024)	0.031	234.93	0.013

However, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) does not deal with the storage of perishable fruits, vegetables and food products, other than foodgrains.

(b): Does not arise in view to the (a) above.

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