

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3404  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2025**

**TRANSIT LOSSES OF FOOD GRAINS UNDER FCI**

3404 **SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:**

Will the Minister of *Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of transit losses of food grains in the last five years;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to reprimand negligent officials to hold them accountable for such losses;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of complaints received related to leakages, diversion and corruption in storage and transit of food grains in the last five years in the country including Andhra Pradesh;
- (e) whether Government has developed any vigilance mechanism in co-ordination with States to ensure proper monitoring systems;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the details of updated Government's monitoring system for foodgrain transit and distribution?

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

(a): The details on the transit losses of foodgrains (wheat+rice) reported in FCI during last five years are as under:

(Qty. in LMT)

| Year     | Quantity Moved | Quantity of Loss | % of Loss |
|----------|----------------|------------------|-----------|
| 2019-20  | 409.64         | 0.94             | 0.23      |
| 2020-21  | 618.74         | 1.49             | 0.24      |
| 2021-22  | 646.89         | 1.41             | 0.22      |
| 2022-23  | 585.84         | 1.30             | 0.22      |
| 2023-24* | 434.20         | 0.71             | 0.16      |

(\*) indicated Provisional figures.



(b) and (c): Yes. The cases of losses including transit losses are investigated and departmental actions are initiated against the negligent officials found responsible. The details of the disciplinary actions taken against FCI officials for unjustified transit losses over the past five years are summarized in the table below:

| Year    | No. of disciplinary cases |
|---------|---------------------------|
| 2019-20 | 114                       |
| 2020-21 | 152                       |
| 2021-22 | 234                       |
| 2022-23 | 180                       |
| 2023-24 | 244                       |

(d): The complaints received at FCI regarding leakages, diversion, and corruption in the storage and transit of foodgrains over the last five years, including those from Andhra Pradesh, are tabulated below:

| Year    | Leakages | Diversion of foodgrains | Corruption in Storage & Transit of foodgrains |
|---------|----------|-------------------------|---|
| 2019-20 | 0        | 0                       | 0   |
| 2020-21 | 0        | 0                       | 1   |
| 2021-22 | 0        | 0                       | 0   |
| 2022-23 | 1        | 0                       | 0   |
| 2023-24 | 0        | 0                       | 0   |

(e) and (f): The section 29 of National Food Security Act 2013 provides for constitution of Vigilance Committees at the State, district, block and fair price shop levels for ensuring transparency and proper functioning of Targeted Public Distribution System and accountability of the functionaries involved in the system.

(g): Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State/UT Governments. Central Government is responsible for procurement, allocation and transportation of foodgrains upto the designated depots of the Food Corporation of India (FCI). The operational responsibilities for intra-state allocation and distribution of foodgrains within the States/UTs, identification of eligible beneficiaries, issuance of ration cards, supervision and monitoring of the Fair Price Shops (FPSs) etc. rest with the concerned State/UT Governments.

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