

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1148
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026

DAMAGE TO FOODGRAINS IN FCI STOCK

1148: DR. VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

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

- (a): whether Government has assessed damage to foodgrains in FCI stock, item-wise, including monetary value during the last three years;
- (b): the details of foodgrain damage due to insufficient FCI godowns;
- (c): steps taken to prevent such damage in future;
- (d): whether there is disproportionate grain loss in Punjab due to inadequate storage infrastructure and delayed procurement operations; and
- (e): whether Government proposes to strengthen cold chain and modern silos in Punjab to reduce wastage?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
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(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a): Yes. The government has assessed the damage to foodgrains in Food Corporation of India (FCI) stock. The item-wise details, including the monetary value of the damaged foodgrains over the last three years, are as under:

Year	Commodity	Non-issuable Food grains accrued (in Lakh Tonnes)	Off-take quantity (Excluding DCP) (in Lakh Tonnes)	% of Damaged Food grains against off-take quantity	Value in Crore (in Rs.)
2022-23	Wheat	0.004	260.334	0.001	0.46

	Rice	0.012	415.492	0.003	2.06
2023-24	Wheat	0.056	246.784	0.023	6.688
	Rice	0.047	223.935	0.021	7.796
2024-25	Wheat	0.0067	195.187	0.003	0.814
	Rice	0.0718	259.550	0.028	13.059

(b): No central pool foodgrains got damaged due to insufficient FCI godowns.

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

(d) and (e): There is no such report of any disproportionate grain loss in Punjab due to inadequate storage infrastructure. Further, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) under the component scheme-cold chain of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) supports setting up of cold chain infrastructure. The scheme is demand driven and proposals are invited on Pan India basis (including Punjab) by floating Expression of Interest (EoI) from time to time based on the availability of funds. As far as modern silos are concerned, a total 9.25 LMT capacity silos have been created in Punjab state.
