

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 37
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH JULY, 2017

DAMAGE TO FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether instances of damage to foodgrains during transportation from one State to another through road and by rail have risen over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check the increasing trend of damage to foodgrains during transportation; and
- (d) the success achieved so far as a result of these steps?

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a)to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 37 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 18TH JULY, 2017 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a)&(b): Food Corporation of India (FCI) transports foodgrains from surplus States to deficient States. A meager quantity of foodgrain may get damaged/non-issuable due to wagon roof leakages, spillages contaminated in un-cleaned wagons/trucks etc. The details of the damaged foodgrains in transportation during last three years in FCI are as under:

(Quantity in Lakh tons)

Year	Quantity of foodgrains moved by Rail/Road	Quantity of damaged/non-issuable in Transit	%age of Accrual of damaged/non-issuable foodgrains in Transit
2014-15	467.14	0.005	0.001
2015-16	384.49	0.004	0.001
2016-17	409.98	0.002	0.0005

Above table indicates that the trend of damage to foodgrains in transportation during last three years is decreasing not increasing.

(c): Government has taken following steps to avoid damaged/non-issuable foodgrains during transportation:

1. After the placement of rake each wagon is inspected for fitness on certain parameters i.e. no damage in wagon floor, roof and walls, no dust is accumulated on floor of wagon and wagon doors are properly closing. In case, if any wagon is found unfit on above said parameters then it is declared unfit for loading and rejected .
2. Each wagon is properly cleaned for removal of any accumulated dust like cement, fertilizer or coal which may damage foodgrains.
3. Dunnage materials like LDPE sheets, bamboo mats, tarpaulin etc. are laid on wagon floor before loading of foodgrain bags.
4. Wagons doors are double sealed by Railway and FCI to avoid any outside impact on the foodgrain bags.
5. Tarpaulins sheet spread on platform at the time of loading/unloading of stocks from the wagons to avoid contamination of spillages.
6. Only covered Rail wagons are used for movement of foodgrains.
7. The principle of "First in First out" (FIFO) is followed to the extent possible so as to avoid longer storage of foodgrains in godowns.

(d) In lieu of taking above steps by the Government damaged/non-issuable foodgrains during transportation has come down from 516 tons during 2014-15 to 186 tons during 2016-17.
