

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1405
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th JULY, 2017

WASTED FOODGRAIN DUE TO POOR STORAGE

1405. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that tonnes of foodgrains are wasted every year due to lack of storage facility in the country;
- (b) whether huge quantum of foodgrains gets spoiled in rain, etc. due to absence of sheds for storing foodgrains in the markets; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): No Madam. There has been no large scale wastage of foodgrains in Central Pool Stocks, due to lack of storage facilities. Sufficient storage facilities are available for Central Pool foodgrains. The storage capacity available with Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State agencies for Central Pool stock is 794.48 Lakh tonnes (Covered - 643.71 Lakh tonnes and CAP - 150.77 Lakh tonnes) against the foodgrain stock of 533.19 Lakh tonnes as on 30.06.2017.

(b)&(c): No reports of spoilage of foodgrains in market due to rain in absence of sheds are received. The foodgrains are procured at purchase centres /mandies by FCI are immediately shifted to scientifically constructed godowns.
