

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.465
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH APRIL, 2023**

DAMAGE OF FOODGRAINS IN FCI STOCK

***465. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has examined the damage of foodgrains from the stock of FCI;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there has been losses of foodgrains in the country in the past three years;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof, year-wise along with the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the remedial action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?**

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND TEXTILES
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.465 FOR ANSWER ON 05.04.2023 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) to (d): Each and every cases of accrual of damage foodgrains is examined by the Government. Damage Monitoring Cells are established to monitor the accrual of damage foodgrains. Food Corporation of India (FCI) procures stores & handles huge quantities of foodgrains. Procured foodgrains are stored in a scientific manner and a very negligible quantity of foodgrains accrues as damaged/become non-issuable mainly due to natural calamities viz. cyclone, flood, rain etc. The details on the quantity of foodgrains (rice & wheat) which got damaged in godowns of FCI during past three years are as under:

Year	Non-Issuable Foodgrains Accrued (In LMT)	Off-take Quantity (Excluding DCP) (Figures in LMTs)	% of Damaged Foodgrains against Off-take Quantity (Excluding DCP)
2019-20	0.019	455.13	0.004
2020-21	0.019	688.57	0.003
2021-22	0.017	766.08	0.002

(e) The remedial action taken by the Government are as follows;

- (i) Foodgrains are stored by adopting proper scientific code of storage practices and stored in scientifically built godowns.**
- (ii) Adequate dunnage materials, fumigation covers, nylon ropes, nets and insecticides, Prophylactic and curative treatments, effective rat control measures are being taken.**
- (iii) Regular periodic inspections of the stocks/godowns are being done. The principle of "First in First Out" (FIFO) is followed so as to avoid longer storage of foodgrains in the godowns etc.**
- (iv) Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage facilities have been eliminated in phased manner. In order to increase and modernize the covered storage facilities Government of India approved action plan for construction of steel silos.**
