

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1074
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

DAMAGE OF FOODGRAINS DURING MONSOONS

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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) the details of foodgrains damaged during monsoons during the last five years;
- (b) whether the Government has done any study or analysis to understand the reasons for damage of foodgrains during monsoons;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has come up with innovative and tech-based solutions to tackle damage of foodgrains in monsoons; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a): Food Corporation of India (FCI) procures, stores & handles large quantities of foodgrains. Procured foodgrains are stored in a scientific manner. In spite of all precautionary measures, a very negligible quantity of foodgrains accrue as damaged mainly due to natural calamities *viz.* flood, cyclone rain etc.

The details on the quantity of foodgrains, which got damaged due to monsoon factors *i.e.* flood, cyclone rain etc in godowns of FCI during the last five years are as under:

| Year | Damaged food grains accrued due to monsoon (in LMT) | Off-take quantity (excluding DCP) (in LMT) | % of damaged foodgrains against off-take quantity (excluding DCP) |
|---------|---|--|---|
| 2017-18 | 0.015 | 452.16 | 0.0033 |
| 2018-19 | 0.044 | 500.08 | 0.0088 |
| 2019-20 | 0.017 | 455.13 | 0.0037 |
| 2020-21 | 0.015 | 688.57 | 0.0022 |
| 2021-22 | 0.006 | 766.08 | 0.0008 |

(b) and (c): Natural calamities like floods, rains and cyclones are the main reasons for damage of foodgrains.

(d) and (e): The foodgrains procured for central pool are stored in godowns/silos which are scientifically designed.
