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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3497 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND MARCH, 2023

WASTAGE OF 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) the reasons for huge foodgrains wastage in the country;
- (b) whether any review or inquiry has been carried out by the Government in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details of the quantum of foodgrains stored and got spoiled in Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the State-wise details of the storage capacity of foodgrains required, available and taken on lease by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in the country;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to create additional storage space with assistance from the Government and private partnership along with already created storage capacity; and
- (f) the steps taken for adequate storage and management of the foodgrains to ensure proper utilisation of the same under various welfare schemes?

ANSWER

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

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

(c): The quantum of central pool foodgrains stocks stored at Uttar Pradesh is as under:

As on	Quantity of Central Pool Foodgrains in LMT	
01.04.2020	44.30	
01.04.2021	43.25	
01.04.2022	42.38	
01.03.2023	33.20	

The details on the quantum of foodgrains, which got damaged in godowns of FCI during last three years and current year in Uttar Pradesh region is as under:

Year	Quantity of Damaged Foodgrains (in %)
2019-2020	0.0003
2020-2021	0.0003
2021-2022	0.0004
2022-23 (as on 01.03.2023)	0.0001

- (d): As on 01.03.2023, covered storage capacity available with FCI for storage of central pool foodgrain stock is 342.06 LMT against the stored stock 199.97 LMT. The state-wise details are enclosed at Annexure.
- (e): Government continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on the storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/hired through the following schemes:
- 1. Construction of Silo's under PPP mode
- 2. Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme
- 3. Central Sector Scheme (CSS)
- 4. Hiring of godown from CWCs/SWCs/State Agencies
- 5. Hiring of godown through Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS).

Further, the steel silos with capacity of 24.25 LMT at various locations throughout country are under implementation. Out of which a capacity of 12.75 LMT is completed.

(f): The foodgrains procured for central pool are stored by adopting scientific methods and proper storing technology for utilization under various welfare schemes.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3497 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22.03.2023 IN LOK SABHA

Covered storage capacity (owned and hired) available with Food Corporation of India (FCI) as on 01.03.2023.

(Fig in LMT)

SI No	Name of the State	Owned	Hired
1	Bihar/बिहार	4.07	6.38
2	Jharkhand/झारखण्ड	0.79	3.36
3	Odisha/उड़ीसा	3.65	1.77
4	West Bengal/पं.बंगाल	9.53	0.63
5	Sikkim/सिक्किम	0.11	0.01
6	Assam/असम	3.74	1.63
7	Arunachal Pradesh/अरुणाचल प्रदेश	0.40	0.02
8	Meghalaya/मेघालय	0.17	0.13
9	Mizoram/मिजोरम	0.32	0
10	Tripura/त्रिपुरा	0.40	0.08
11	Manipur/मणिपुर	0.63	0.00
12	Nagaland/नागालैंड	0.42	0.16
13	Delhi/दिल्ली	3.27	0
14	Haryana/हरियाणा	8.75	38.03
15	Himachal Pradesh/हिमाचल प्रदेश	0.26	0.65
16	Jammu & Kashmir/जम्म् एंड कश्मीर	0.95	1.18
17	Ladakh/लद्दाख	0.25	0.07
18	Punjab/पंजाब	27.17	74.27
19	Chandigarh/चंडीगढ़	0	0.07
20	Rajasthan/राजस्थान	8.39	2.58
21	Uttar Pradesh/उत्तर प्रदेश	15.68	29.59
22	Uttarakhand/उत्तराखंड	0.73	1.07
23	Andhra Pradesh/आंध्र प्रदेश	9.00	0.85
24	Andaman & Nicobar/अंडमान एंड निकोबार	0.07	0.00
25	Telangana/तेलंगाना	6.68	3.80
26	Kerala/केरल	5.95	0.06
27	Karnataka/कर्नाटक	4.60	4.25
28	Lakshadweep/लक्षद्वीप	0.03	0.00
29	Tamil Nadu/तमिलनाडु	7.02	4.53
30	Puducherry/पदुचेरी	0.52	0.00
31	Gujarat/गुजरात	4.93	3.01
32	Daman &Diu/दमन एवं दीव	0	0
33	Maharashtra/महाराष्ट्र	9.23	7.42
34	Goa/गोवा	0.19	0.00
35	Madhya Pradesh/मध्यप्रदेश	4.18	0.18
36	Chhattisgarh/छत्तीसगढ़	6.32	7.91
	Tota		193.67