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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3275
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH AUGUST, 2023

FOODGRAINS DAMAGED IN MONSOONS

3275. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

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 in 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 to foodgrains in monsoons; and

(e)   if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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 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.

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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	Non-Issuable Foodgrains Accrued (In LMT)	Off-take Quantity (Excluding DCP) (Figures in LMT)	% of Damaged Foodgrains against Off-take Quantity (Excluding DCP)
2018-19	0.052	500.08	0.010
2019-20	0.019	455.13	0.004
2020-21	0.019	688.57	0.003
2021-22	0.017	766.08	0.002
2022-23	0.016	675.826	0.002

(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.

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