

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.541

TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2021

LOSS OF FOOD GRAINS

541. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry maintains any record of the loss of food grains due to problems with the storage and transportation infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount of food grains lost due to these reasons in the last five years;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether any measures are being taken to rectify these problems and 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) & (b): Yes Sir. The details on the quantity of foodgrains, which is accrued as non-issuable in Food Corporation of India (FCI) during transportation in last five years is as under:

(Fig. in Lakh tonnes)

Year	Quantity of foodgrains transported	Quantity of transit damage accrued
2016-17	410	0.0018
2017-18	420	0.0026
2018-19	383	0.0027
2019-20	389	0.0010
2020-21	594	0.0008

Moreover, no damage of central pool foodgrains occurred in FCI during the last five years due to lack of storage infrastructure.

(c): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d): Steps taken by the Government of India to prevent losses of foodgrains during transportation:

- Covered rail wagons free from roof leakage are used for movement of foodgrains so as to avoid damage during transit.
- Low density polyethylene (LDPE) sheet is spread over the floor of wagons to avoid contamination of foodgrains with extraneous matter.
- LDPE sheet/tarpaulins are placed on door flaps of wagons to prevent the foodgrains to get affected from rain water during transportation.
- Tarpaulins sheet are placed at platforms at the time of loading & unloading of wagons/trucks to collect the spillage to avoid wastage of foodgrains.
