LOSS OF FOOD GRAINS

541. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपश्रेष्ठ मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वित्त विभागीय 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?

ANSWER

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 food grains, 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)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Quantity of foodgrains transported</th>
<th>Quantity of transit damage accrued</th>
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<td>2016-17</td>
<td>410</td>
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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.

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