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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2022

WASTAGE OF FOODGRAINS

†4. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether a huge quantity of food items gets wasted every year and if so, the plan to stop such wastage along with the details thereof;
- (b) the State-wise details of seven main food items wasted during the last five years along with the value thereof; and
- (c) whether any reasons for this wastage have been found 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): No Sir.
- (b): The state-wise and year-wise details on the value and volume of foodgrains (wheat and rice), which got damaged in the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) are as under:

Region		(Fig in Tonnes)			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Bihar	0	1617	3568	0	5
Jharkhand	0	45	31	0	12
Odisha	1	0	2	87	1445
West Bengal	0	0	12	0	79
Assam	205	328	868	2	28
NEF	105	92	58	27	0
Nagaland	3	0	0	0	0
Delhi	12	14	2	44	34
Haryana	0	0	0	286	0
J & K	0	0	0	0	8
Punjab	8	211	318	56	25
Rajasthan	125	1	0	2	84
Uttar Pradesh	48	243	116	26	69
Andhra Pradesh	6	0	0	640	0
Kerala	88	2	113	32	14
Karnataka	13	75	53	10	8
Tamil Nadu	66	16	6	1	0
Gujarat	119	6	19	694	34
Vaharashtra	7963	14	35	18	0
Madhya Pradesh	0	0	5	0	0
Chhattisgarh	12	0	7	5	6
Country Total	8776	2663	5213	1930	1850
/alue in Crore (in Rs)	9.12	3.22	6.73	2.61	2.77

(Figs are rounded off).

⁽c): Yes Sir. Natural calamities like floods and cyclones are the major reasons for this damage of foodgrains.