

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1570
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2024

FOODGRAINS DAMAGE

1570 SMT. MALA ROY:

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

- whether the Government has examined the damage of foodgrains in the stock of FCI;
- if so, the details thereof, item-wise;
- the details of the amount of damage of foodgrains (in terms of Rs.) during the last three years; and
- the details of the steps taken by the Government to stop such kind of foodgrains damage?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) and (b): Yes. The Food Corporation of India (FCI) regularly monitors accrual of non-issuable stocks along with its reasons at various level i.e. from depot to Hqrs. and has a proper mechanism for categorization of non-issuable foodgrains. Each and every cases of accrual on non-issuable foodgrains (damage) are being examined and investigated by the FCI. Damage monitoring cells (DMC) are established at the level of Divisional/Regional /Zonal offices to monitor the accrual of non-issuable foodgrains.

(c): The details on the amount of damage foodgrains (in terms of Rs.) reported during last three years are as under:

Year	Value in Crore (in Rs.)
2021-22	2.5
2022-23	2.5
2023-24	14.5

(d): The steps taken by the Government for safe storage of foodgrains are enclosed at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1570 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 31.07.2024 IN THE LOK SABHA.

The steps taken by the Government for safe storage of foodgrains are as under:

- (i) All godowns are constructed as per specifications.
- (ii) Foodgrains are stored by adopting proper scientific code of storage practices.
- (iii) Adequate dunnage materials such as wooden crates, bamboo mats, polythene sheets are used to check migration of moisture from the floor to the foodgrains.
- (iv) Fumigation covers, nylon ropes, nets and insecticides for control of stored grain insect pests are provided in all the godowns.
- (v) Prophylactic (spraying of insecticides) and curative treatments (fumigation) are carried out regularly and timely in godowns for the control of stored grain insect pests.
- (vi) Effective rat control measures are taken.
- (vii) Regular periodic inspections of the stocks/godowns are undertaken by qualified and trained staff and all senior officers. The health of the foodgrains is monitored at regular intervals by a system of checks and super checks at different levels.
- (viii) The principle of "First in First Out" (FIFO) is followed to the extent possible so as to avoid longer storage of foodgrains in godowns.
- (ix) Only covered rail wagons are used for movement of foodgrains so as to avoid damage during transit.
- (x) Identification & repair all the leakage point in the roof is done periodically.
- (xi) Cleaning of drainages in the godown premises is ensured.
- (xii) Ensuring no seepage inside the godowns.
