

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.270  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024

**DAMAGE OF FOODGRANIS**

270 SHRI GADDIGOUDAR PARVATAGOUDA CHANDANAGOUDA:

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 in storage during monsoons in the country during each of the last five years;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted by the Government on the reasons for the damage of foodgrains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has come up with any innovative and tech-based solutions to tackle damage of foodgrains due to such harsh weather conditions; 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 CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

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(a): Food Corporation of India (FCI) procures, stores & handles huge quantities of foodgrains. Procured foodgrains are stored in a scientific manner. In spite of all precautionary measures, a very negligible quantity of foodgrains accrue as damaged mainly due to natural calamities viz. flood, cyclone, rains etc.

The details of the quantity of foodgrains in godowns of FCI, which got damaged due to monsoon factors *i.e.* flood, cyclone, rains etc, during each of the last five years are as under:

Year	Damaged foodgrains accrued due to Natural Calamity (in Lakh Metric Tonnes)	Off-take quantity (excluding Decentralized Procurement) (in Lakh Metric Tonnes)	% of damaged foodgrains against off-take quantity (excluding Decentralized Procurement)
2019-20	0.017	455.13	0.0037
2020-21	0.015	688.57	0.0022
2021-22	0.006	766.08	0.0008
2022-23	0.004	675.83	0.0006
2023-24	0.101	445.95	0.0226

(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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