

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 92
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JULY, 2015

SALE OF DAMAGED FOODGRAINS

92. SHRI CHAND NATH:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to sell damaged foodgrains lying in the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) in open market at lower rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details and the total quantum of damaged foodgrains lying in the godowns of FCI, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure safe storage of foodgrains in FCI godowns?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, the details of the guidelines issued by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for disposal of damaged foodgrains are at Annexure-I.

(c): The details of quantum of damaged foodgrains lying in the godowns of FCI as on 01.07.2015, State-wise, are at Annexure-II.

(d): The details of steps taken by the government to ensure safe storage of foodgrains in FCI godowns are at Annexure-III.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 92 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.07.2015 IN THE LOK SABHA

FCI has a set procedure for disposal of damaged foodgrains. On identification of damaged food grains, three tier categorization of damaged lots is carried out at Depot level, Regional level and Zonal level. The categorization of damaged foodgrains is treated as final only on the receipt of categorization reports of Regional Categorization Committee (RCC) and Zonal Categorisation Committee (ZCC) by the General Manager (Region). Categorization of damaged foodgrains is based on

the percentage of sound grain as under:-

Category : percentage of sound grains other than foreign matter & damaged foodgrains

Feed-I	:	85% to less than 94% (in wheat)/ 95% (in rice)
Feed-II	:	70% to less than 85%
Feed-III	:	55% to less than 70%
Industrial Use	:	30% to less than 55%
Manure Use	:	10% to less than 30%
Dumping	:	less than 10% (to be offered as Manure before dumping)

2. GM (Region) is competent authority for disposal of damaged foodgrains for quantity where the price received in the tender/auction is above the reserve price. Wherever, the rates of damaged foodgrains received in tender inquiry/ auction are below the reserve price, such rates are invariably approved by the next higher authority i.e. Executive Director (Zone). GM (Region) can dispose damaged foodgrain under Rate Running Contract but if at any time accrual is more than 500 MT, it is disposed off through tenders only.

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3. The Reserve Price of damaged foodgrain is as under:-

- (I) Feed -I 60% of MSP of the Crop Year for Wheat.
 60% of derived MSP of the Crop Year for Rice.

- (II) Feed-II - 50% of MSP of the Crop Year for Wheat.
 50% of derived MSP of the Crop Year
for Rice.

- (III) Feed-III - 40% of MSP of the Crop Year for Wheat.
 40% of derived MSP of the Crop Year for
Rice.
- (IV) Industrial Use - 30% of MSP of the Crop Year for Wheat.
 30% of derived MSP of the Crop Year for
Rice.

- (V) Manure - 10% of MSP of the Crop Year for Wheat.
 10% of derived MSP of the Crop Year for
Rice.

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REGION-WISE COMMODITY WISE STOCK POSITION OF NON-ISSUABLE FOODGRAINS AS ON 01.07.2015					
					(FIG.IN MT)
NAME OF THE REGION	WHEAT	RICE	PADDY	OTHERS	TOTAL
<u>EAST ZONE</u>					
BIHAR	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
JHARKHAND	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ORISSA	16.214	7.140	0.000	0.000	23.354
WEST BENGAL	0.450	12.330	0.000	0.000	12.780
ZONE TOTAL	16.664	19.470	0.000	0.000	36.134
<u>NE ZONE</u>					
ASSAM	0.000	36.792	0.000	0.000	36.792
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
NEF(MEGH./MIZO/T.PURA)	472.994	114.595	0.000	0.000	587.589
MANIPUR	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
NAGALAND	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ZONE TOTAL	472.994	151.387	0.000	0.000	624.381
<u>NORTH ZONE</u>					
DELHI	3.700	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.700
HARYANA	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
JAMMU & KASHMIR	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
PUNJAB	0.958	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.958
RAJASTHAN	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
UTTAR PRADESH	10.876	15.435	0.000	0.000	26.311
UTTRAKHAND	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ZONE TOTAL	15.534	15.435	0.000	0.000	30.969
<u>SOUTH ZONE</u>					
ANDHRA PRADESH	491.257	1421.708	0.000	0.000	1912.965
KERALA	0.000	3.189	0.000	0.000	3.189
KARNATAKA	28.787	21.993	0.000	0.000	50.780
TAMIL NADU	15.040	5.736	0.000	0.000	20.776
ZONE TOTAL	535.084	1452.626	0.000	0.000	1987.710
<u>WEST ZONE</u>					
GUJARAT	25.672	0.000	0.000	0.000	25.672
MAHARASHTRA	3.368	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.368
MADHYA PRADESH	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
CHHATTISGARH	8.073	0.000	0.000	0.000	8.073
ZONE TOTAL	37.113	0.000	0.000	0.000	37.113
COUNTRY TOTAL	1077.389	1638.918	0.000	0.000	2716.307

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STEPS TAKEN TO ENSURE SAFE STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS IN FCI GODOWNS:

The following precautionary and remedial steps are mandated to be followed by F.C.I. and State Government agencies for proper upkeep and quality to check damages to central pool stocks of foodgrains:

- (i) The Government has formulated Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) scheme for construction of storage capacity through Private Entrepreneurs, CWC, SWCs and other State agencies.
- (ii) Various steps are being taken by FCI to modernize its existing storage capacity by construction of modern silos on PPP mode with the provision of Viability Gap Funding.
- (iii) All godowns are to be constructed as per specifications.
- (iv) Foodgrains are to be stored by adopting proper scientific code of storage practices.
- (v) Adequate dunnage materials such as wooden crates, bamboo mats, polythene sheets are to be used to check migration of moisture from the floor to the foodgrains.
- (vi) Fumigation covers, nylon ropes, nets and insecticides for control of stored grain insect pests are to be provided in all the godowns.
- (vii) Prophylactic (spraying of insecticides) and curative treatments (fumigation) are to be carried out regularly and timely in godowns for the control of stored grain insect pests.
- (viii) Effective rat control measures, both in covered godowns as well as in CAP storage are to be used.
- (ix) Foodgrains in 'Cover and Plinth' (CAP) storage are to be stored on elevated plinths and wooden crates are to be used as dunnage material. Stacks are to be properly covered with specifically fabricated low-density black polythene water -proof covers and tied with nylon ropes/nets.
- (x) Regular periodic inspections of the stocks/godowns are to be undertaken by qualified and trained staff and all senior officers.
- (xi) The principle of "First in First Out" (FIFO) is to be followed to the extent possible so as to avoid longer storage of foodgrains in godowns.
- (xii) Only covered rail wagons are to be used for movement of foodgrains so as to avoid damage during transit.

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