

**Government of India  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution  
Department of Consumer Affairs**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2713  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2015**

**WASTAGE OF FOOD**

2713. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION **मिनिस्टर ऐफेयर्स [क] विल इ लॉड फुड फॉर ज.क ऐच** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch any campaign to create awareness among the people about food wastage in parties and other social functions; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

**ANSWER**

**मिनिस्टर ऐफेयर्स [क] विल इ लॉड फुड फॉर ज.क ऐच;  
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**THE MINISTER FOR  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)**

(a) : No Madam.

(b) : Does not arise. However, it is stated that on 30.5.2011 the Central Government set up a Committee on containment of wastage of food grains and ostentatious behaviour witnessed especially during marriages/parties/functions under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs which lapsed on 31.3.2014. The details of action taken by the Government on the recommendations of the committee on the subject are at **Annexure**.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.2713 FOR 15.12.2015 REGARDING WASTAGE OF FOOD.**

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**ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTAINMENT OF WASTAGE OF FOODGRAINS AND OSTENTATIOUS BEHAVIOUR WITNESSED ESPECIALLY DURING MARRIAGES/PARTIES/FUNCTIONS.**

- A.**
- i) An awareness campaign through Audio/Visual Publicity on the lines of 'Jago Grahak Jago' was included as a part of the scheme for sensitizing the general public on this issue.
  - ii) An awareness campaign through the consumer clubs in Schools and Colleges was promoted with the help of State Govts./UT Administrations under the scheme of consumer clubs.
  - iii) The State Governments/UTs were advised vide the Department of Consumer Affairs letter dated 25.8.2011 to create awareness on wastage of foodgrains and ostentatious behaviour witnessed especially during social gatherings such as marriages/parties/functions and to contain them so as to sensitise the student community on the issue, predominantly using the local/regional languages beside English and Hindi.

**B.** The Ministry of Human Resource Development took up the matter with the NCERT and CBSE. The National Curriculum Framework developed by NCERT includes 'Food' as one among six common themes of the syllabus of 'Environmental Studies' of Class III to V and in 'Science' subject from Class VI to X. The contents related to 'Wastage of Food' have been included in the syllabus on Health & Physical Education as a compulsory subject upto Secondary stage (Class XI-XII), to avoid wastage of food. Some states included a chapter on the subject at Higher Senior Secondary School levels.

**C.** The Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) was entrusted with the task of conducting a study on food wastages in four cities viz., New Delhi, Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Gurgaon for assessing the magnitude of the problem. IIPA has submitted its Final Report on 6.2.2012. The Report was appreciated by the Committee.

**D.** The Government vide D.O letter dated 7.11.2012 requested all the Chief Ministers to take further action in the matter, a copy of the Study Report of the IIPA was also forwarded to all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India vide D.O. letter dated 8.11.2012 to look into the matter and enforce some of the recommendations/ observations contained in the Report wherever applicable in the functions/ meetings, etc of their respective Ministries/Departments.

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