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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2829
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2025

DMCS

2829. SHRI MALVINDER SINGH KANG:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a): the organizational structure of the Damage Monitoring Cells (DMCs) in Punjab – divisional, regional and zonal-wise;

(b): the details and the number of damage cases have been investigated during the last five years including the number of cases that resulted in disciplinary action;

(c): whether any technological tools are being piloted/used in Punjab by the Government to monitor stock health and reduce wastage; and

(d): if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): The details on the organizational structure of the Damage Monitoring Cells (DMCs) in Punjab are as under:

Level	Constitution of the Cell
District	Divisional office: Divisional Manager Manager(QC) Lab Manager (Accounts) Manager(QC), concerned depot
Regional	Regional office: AGM (QC) & AGM (Accounts) Divisional office: AGM (QC)
Zonal	Zonal office: AGM (QC) Regional office: AGM (QC) Divisional office: AGM (QC)

(b): The details on the number of damage cases have been investigated during last five years along with disciplinary action taken are as under:

Year	No. of cases of accrual of damage	Disciplinary action taken
2020-21	0	0
2021-22	01	Nobody held responsible as the stock delivered by the firm was rejected by the Food corporation of India (FCI).
2022-23	01	The damage was caused due to heavy rains and the subsequent flood. Nobody held responsible.
2023-24	11	None of the FCI staff held responsible.
2024-25	02	None of the FCI staff held responsible.

(c) and (d): The Quality Management System (QMS) has been developed by the Department to monitor laboratory activities on real time basis. This system aims to enhance operational planning, improve quality control of foodgrains, ensure greater reliability and accuracy throughout the procurement, preservation, and end-to-end supply chain processes of foodgrains.

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