

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 12.11.2010
ANSWERED ON
DAMAGE TO FOODGRAINS DURING TRANSIT STORAGE .

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

- (a) the total capacity of Government owned godowns along with the quantum of foodgrains stored therein, till-date, Statewise;
- (b) the quantum and value of foodgrains damaged during transit and storage along with the amount spent on their disposal during 2009-10 as compared with 2008-09 especially in Punjab;
- (c) whether Government has taken any step to moderate the system of handling, transportation and storage of foodgrains, till date;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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(a): As on 15.10.2010 the Food Corporation of India has a total storage capacity (both owned and hired) of 306.84 lakh tonnes. The total stocks held is 234.81 lakh tonnes as per State-wise details given at Annexure.

(b): The total quantity accrued as damaged (non-issuable) with the State agencies of Punjab during 2009-10 and the year 2008-09 are 26,583 tonnes and 64,218 tonnes respectively. However, no quantity of foodgrains have got damaged during transit & storage during 2009-10 and 2008-09 in FCI godowns.

(c),(d)&(e): Under the national policy of integrated bulk handling and transportation, 4 lakh tonne capacity in modern Silos in procurement areas and 1.5 lakh tonne capacity in consumption areas has been created for FCI through Build-Own-Operate (BOO) Scheme in the year 2008. To create additional storage capacity, the Government has formulated a scheme for construction of storage godowns through private entrepreneurs. Under the scheme, the Food Corporation of India would now give a guarantee of ten years for assured hiring. A capacity of about 150 lakh tonnes is to be created under the scheme through private entrepreneurs and Central and State Warehousing Corporations in 19 States. Out of the capacities sanctioned tenders have been invited in 15 States and so far offers have been received for 103 lakh tonnes. CWC and SWCs are constructing about 17 lakh tonnes on their own lands under the Scheme. Out of this, 0.97 lakh tonnes has already been completed and 3.08 lakh tonnes is likely to be completed by March, 2011. Further, in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the Planning Commission has sanctioned Rs. 149 crores for construction of storage godowns by FCI and the State Governments to which funds are released as grants-in-aid. This is likely to result in the construction of about 1.88 lakh tonnes of storage capacity. The General Managers (Region) of FCI have also been given full powers for hiring of private godowns for short term usage.