

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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*Wednesday, July 31, 1991/Sravana
9, 1913 (Saka)*

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

English]

Rabi Procurement

*225. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Rabi Procurement for the last three years including the current financial year State-wise; and

(b) the details of cover-and-plinth storage utilised during the last three years and also during the current financial year so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Statement I is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Statement II is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT I

Statewise Procurement of Wheat since 1988-89 Rabi Marketing Season

(In Lakh Tonnes)

State	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92 (Upto 19-7-91)
1	2	3	4	5
Punjab	47.49	56.02	67.44	55.37
Haryana	12.60	19.73	25.91	18.33
Uttar Pradesh	5.21	13.24	16.01	3.68
Rajasthan . . . . .	..	1.06	1.35	0.08
Jammu & Kashmir	0.05	Neg.	Neg.	Nil
Chandigarh . . . . .	..	..	0.02	..
Himachal Pradesh . . . . .	..	..	0.01	..
Madhya Pradesh . . . . .	..	..	Neg.	..
TOTAL	65.35	90.50	110.74	77.46

State-wise Procurement of Rabi Paddy

Andhra Pradesh	Nil	Nil	1.52	0.20
Orissa	Nil	0.01	..	.
TOTAL . . . . .	..	0.01	1.52	0.20

1	2	3	4	5
<i>State-wise procurement of Rabi Rice</i>				
Andhra Pradesh	5.56	6.46	8.56	7.50
Karnataka	0.07	0.41	0.26	0.14
Orissa	0.18	0.29	0.58	0.20
West Bengal	0.27	0.20	0.26	0.1
Assam	0.01	0.01	Neg.	Neg.
TOTAL	6.09	7.37	9.66	7.98

Neg. is below 500 M.T.

STATEMENT II

Showing Cover & Plinth Storage Utilized by the Food Corporation of India during the last 3 years and in the Current Year

<i>Year</i>	<i>Capacity (in lakh tonnes)</i>	<i>Stocks (in Lakh tonnes)</i>
1988-89 (As on 1-7-88)	44.90	10.4
1989-90 (As on 1-7-89)	33.23	5.7
1990-91 (As on 1-7-90)	21.55	14.5
1991-92 (As on 1-6-91)	28.55	15.7

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the question, that I raised, was not replied to categorically by the hon. Minister. The picture is not clear from the reply. I would like to know the storage position of wheat, quality-wise and zone-wise. Besides, may I know the success achieved in checking shortages in transit and storage.

[*English*]

SHRI TARUN GOGOI: Sir, as regards the CAP storage capacity, we have given the details; that is as on 1-6-91, it is 28.55 lakh tonnes. Then about stocks, it is 15.77 lakh tonnes.

Mostly these are in Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat, U.P., and Madhya Pradesh.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, he has replied to my question clearly. I would like to know the storage position of wheat quality-wise. I have got the satisfactory reply from the Minister.

MR. SPEAKER: What did he mean? What do you mean by position?

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: I mean that the whole country has been divided into five zones.

What is the quality-wise and zone-wise position of wheat, and as to what extent the shortages occurring in transit and storage have been checked.

MR. SPEAKER: I could not understand your question, that is why I said it.

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: What I want to know the quantity of each quality procured and stored zone-wise?

MR. SPEAKER: All right. Now I can convey it to him.

[English]

SHRI TARUN GOGOI: In Punjab we have procured 55.4 lakh tonnes of wheat; in Haryana we have procured 18.3 lakh tonnes; in UP we have procured about 3.7 lakh tonnes and in Rajasthan we have procured 0.1 lakh tonnes.

[Translation]

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have asked the quality-wise position of wheat separately in five zones namely, North Zone, West Zone, East Zone, South Zone and North-East Zone. Hon. Minister is telling the position sometimes of Uttar Pradesh, sometimes of Punjab and sometimes of Haryana.

MR. SPEAKER: If you make a speech the question will be lost in it. Therefore, put a pointed question.

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: I am not delivering a speech. My question is very simple. What is the quality-wise and zone-wise position of wheat and how much of wheat is lying in storage.

MR. SPEAKER: If the hon. Minister has the statistics with him, he may supply it. If not, he may supply the same later on.

[English]

SHRI TARUN GOGOI: In fact, we procure wheat mainly from Punjab, Haryana and then U.P. These are the only States from where we procure wheat; and these are the Zones. If you need further details, we will supply it to you.

[Translation]

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Now, my second supplementary is.....

MR. SPEAKER: No, not at all. You can not ask at this moment. I can't allow you. You please sit down.

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: As the hon. Minister has no statistics with him, you please postpone the question.

MR. SPEAKER: No, you have been given full opportunity. I have given you three-four chances.

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Sir, I have not got the reply.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: I am not allowing you. Not like this. Please take your seats.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I am not allowing you.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat. I have given you three-four chances.

SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it appears that hon. Minister has not come prepared.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Venkateswarlu. Do you want to put the question or not?

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down. I have not called you to ask a question. Advocacy is not allowed here.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: All right Mr. Prasad. I am giving you one more chance. You may ask only one question.

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: The procurement of wheat is made during summer season. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: You are making a speech. I am giving you time for asking a question. Please ask a question.

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the shortage of wheat has been doubled. Earlier it was five plus five, i.e. ten per cent. Now they have increased it to twenty per cent w.e.f. July. There is moisture in wheat at the time of its procurement, with the result that there is an increase of eight per cent in its quantity. On what grounds they have doubled it from ten to twenty per cent. What is the reason?

MR. SPEAKER: I, could not understand this question.

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Earlier they were allowed ten per cent. Now they have increased it to twenty per cent w.e.f. 1st July. What are the reasons behind it? There is no moisture in wheat because it is procured during summer season. So, what is the reason for increasing it from 10 to 20 per cent?

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: If the Minister has followed, he may reply.

(Interruptions)

SHRI TARUN GOGOI: As per my record, the shortage is only 0.17

per cent. It has come down. Last year the shortage was 0.31 per cent.

PROF. VENKATESWARLU UMAREDDY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to know, out of the total quantity that has been procured in the five zones, how much is being stored in the concealed godowns and how much is stored in the open godowns? Are there any instances which have come to the notice of the Government where there is a deteriorated quality of the stocks that have been procured during the past two or three years?

SHRI TARUN GOGOI: I do not have that now. I will give that information.

MR. SPEAKER: You can write to him.

(Interruptions)

PROF. VENKATESWARLU UMAREDDY: Sir, my question is not answered.

MR. SPEAKER: He said that he has no specific information. He will give in writing.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SOBHANA DRESWARA RAO VADDE: Sir, you are aware that Andhra Pradesh is one of the major paddy-producing States in the country, especially in the South. From experience it is found that the Food Corporation of India is not conducting the procurement operations wholeheartedly.

I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to whether or not the Government will take adequate steps so that the Food Corporation of India will undertake procurement operations of paddy and rice in Andhra Pradesh by providing all infrastructural facilities such as availability of gunny bags which is causing lot of difficulties to the farmers particularly at the time of cyclone due to which the farmers suffer a lot. I would like to have a

categorical answer from the hon. Minister.

SHRI TARUN GOGOI: This question is relating to rabi procurement. And rice is khariff procurement. Anyhow, we are taking all the required steps. It is not a fact that we are not taking adequate steps for procurement of rice. We procure rice particularly in Andhra Pradesh. If you have got any suggestion, you can kindly give it to me and I will give you the required particulars.

[Translation]

SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, hon. Minister has stated in his reply that weight loss during storage is allowed at the rate of 20 per cent with effect from July. I would like to point out to the hon. Minister that there is no moisture in wheat at the time of its procurement and storage. The question of weight loss of wheat during rainy season does not arise? I want to know, how there was weight loss of 20 per cent whereas there should have been weight gain?

[English]

SHRI TARUN GOGOI: I was talking about the losses in the country as a whole. In fact, in certain cases, it goes up and in certain cases, there is a plus point (weight gain) also.

[Translation]

DR. LAXMI NARAYAN PANDEYA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I want to know from the hon. Minister whether it has come to his notice that thousands of quintals of wheat in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh is rotting in the storages due to improper storage facilities. It is unfit for human consumption and it is also unsaleable. Will you improve the storage facilities?

[English]

SHRI TARUN GOGOI: I am not aware that it is unfit for human consumption. If you have any concrete

evidence, you please bring it to my notice and I will take appropriate action.

[Translation]

Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

*226. **SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana has been reviewed in each state:

(b) if so, the details thereof; state-wise;

(c) the growth-rate achieved in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the manner in which this yojana is proposed to be implemented in future?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is an on-going plan scheme of wage employment and it is being reviewed continuously by the Central and the State Governments. The review of the programme is done through Monthly/Quarterly/Annual Progress Reports received from the State Governments. Besides, for effective implementation of the programme, at the instance of Government of India, State's have drawn up a schedule of inspection prescribing minimum number of field visits for each supervisory level officers at the State/District/Block level.

2. The Central Government officers also make field visits to review the qualitative/quantitative aspects of the programme. The Government of India