

tion of more quantity of Wheat and Sugar on the basis of the present population in the State: and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The allocation of Wheat to the various States/UTs for Public Distribution System from the Central Pool is not made on the basis of population and no request for making/increasing the allocation to Rajasthan on this basis has been received from that Government.

As regards sugar a request for increase in the monthly allocation of Levy sugar on the basis of increase in population was received from the Government of Rajasthan on 22-12-1990. Keeping in view limited availability of Levy sugar, it is not possible to revise the existing basis for allocation of Levy sugar. Government has, however, allowed adhoc increase of 5% in the Levy allocations to all States from August, 1991 to December, 1991.

Complaints Regarding Storage in FCI Godowns

3113. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of various foodgrains available at present in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India and the quantity thereof being kept in reserve;

(b) the number of complaints received regarding rotting, pilferage, irregularity in storage, and about foodgrains having become unfit for

human consumption in the various State godowns of the Food Corporation of India and the action being taken or proposed to be taken in the matter;

(c) the measures taken to rush foodgrains immediately to the drought and famine affected areas;

(d) the amount spent on the maintenance of the FCI godowns; and

(e) the measures being taken to make the procedures of transportation of foodgrains to and from the godowns of the Food Corporation of India simple, speedy and effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The quantity of foodgrains in Food Corporation of India's godowns as on 1-7-91 are at under:

(In million tonnes)

	Wheat	Rice	Total
Quantity of foodgrains available in FCI godowns	5.57	8.99	14.56

In addition to the above stocks, 5.22 million tonnes of wheat is lying with State agencies in Punjab and Haryana regions on Central account. These quantities are meant both for, the operational as well as buffer stocks.

(b) The FCI has reported that no complaints about rotting of foodgrains in storage of FCI godowns have been received during the current year. In the present mode of handling, transportation and storage, inevitably some quantities of foodgrains get damaged and deteriorated due to

rains, floods/cyclone, long periods of storage, agro-climatic conditions and other factors beyond normal human control and become unfit for human consumption. Such damaged/deteriorated foodgrains stocks are termed as "Damaged foodgrains" which amounted to 0.25 lakh tonnes during 1989-90 out of an average stock of about 83.0 lakh tonnes in the year. As percentage, damaged stocks amounted to 0.30% during the year.

The quantity of foodgrains involved in theft/pilferage irregularities in FCI amounted to 124 MTs out of an average stock level of about 83.0 lakh tonnes during 1989-90.

Health of the grain stored in FCI godowns is continuously monitored and the required prophylactic/curative treatment undertaken.

(c) Specific drought-prone areas in different States have been identified. Adequate stocks of foodgrains from surplus States to these identified deficit States are being moved on priority. Inter-State and intra-State movement is undertaken to position adequate stocks on a continuing basis in all such identified deficit pockets.

(d) The amount spent on repairs and maintenance of FCI godowns for last three years is as under :

	(Rs. in crores)
Financial year	
1987-88	4.10
1988-89	4.15
1989-90	4.98

(e) about 95% of the foodgrains are transported by rail. The FCI chalks out details of movement of foodgrains from the procuring States to various deficit States of the Country. Specific and time bound movement plan is implemented in consultation with the

Railway Board, who sponsor the movement plan for the entire month. Day-to-day monitoring is done at FCI Headquarters and other levels to move the stocks to the needy and other areas on priority. Jumbo rakes with box wagons to an extent of 2.200 tonnes are moved to all B.G. routes. Close liaison is maintained with Railways to move foodgrains to all MG points. Road movement is also organised to road bridge the non-rail head godown points with the leading railheads alongwith intra and inter-State road movement to the extent required.

[English]

TV Transmitters

3114. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI :
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH :
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR
GANGWAR :
SHRIMATI SUMITRA
MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the names of places where T.V. transmitters have been commissioned in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh during 1990 and 1991 so far alongwith details of their capacity ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : Locations of the TV transmitters alongwith their power ratings commissioned in the States of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh during the period from 1-1-1990 to 13-8-1991 are given below :—