

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2341  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2022

WASTAGE OF FOODGRAINS IN STORAGE FACILITIES

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of foodgrains which got wasted in public food storage facilities during each of the last five years along with the State-wise details thereof including Maharashtra;
- (b) the reasons for wastage of foodgrains; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the wastage of foodgrains?

A N S W E R  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): The state-wise details on the foodgrains (wheat and rice), which got damage in godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) during last five years including Maharashtra are as under:

(Fig in Tonnes)

Region	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Bihar	1617	3568	0	5	41
Jharkhand	45	31	0	12	10
Odisha	0	2	87	1445	3

<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>Assam</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>NEF</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Delhi</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Haryana</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>J &amp; K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>261</b>
<b>Punjab</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>592</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Kerala</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

**(b): Natural calamities like cyclones, floods, rains etc. are the major reasons for wastage of foodgrains.**

**(c): The steps taken by Government to reduce wastage of foodgrains are enclosed at Annexure.**

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2341 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.12.2022 IN LOK SABHA**

**Steps taken by the Government to reduce wastage of foodgrains are as under:**

- (i) All godowns are constructed as per specifications.**
- (ii) Foodgrains are stored by adopting proper scientific code of storage practices.**
- (iii) Adequate dunnage materials such as wooden crates, bamboo mats, polythene sheets are used to check migration of moisture from the floor to the foodgrains.**
- (iv) Fumigation covers, nylon ropes, nets and insecticides for control of stored grain insect pests are provided in all the godowns.**
- (v) Prophylactic (spraying of insecticides) and curative treatments (fumigation) are carried out regularly and timely in godowns for the control of stored grain insect pests.**
- (vi) Effective rat control measures are taken.**
- (vii) Foodgrains in 'Cover and Plinth' (CAP) storage are stored on elevated plinths and wooden crates are used as dunnage material. Stacks are properly covered with specifically fabricated low-density black polythene water -proof covers and tied with nylon ropes/nets.**
- (viii) Regular periodic inspections of the stocks/godowns are undertaken by qualified and trained staff and all senior officers. The health of the foodgrains is monitored at regular intervals by a system of checks and super checks at different levels.**
- (ix) The principle of "First in First Out" (FIFO) is followed to the extent possible so as to avoid longer storage of foodgrains in godowns.**
- (x) Only covered rail wagons are used for movement of foodgrains so as to avoid damage during transit.**
- (xi) Identification & repair all the leakage point in the roof is done periodically.**
- (xii) Cleaning of drainages in the godown premises is ensured.**
- (xiii) Ensuring no seepage inside the godowns.**

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