

Damage to Imported Foodgrains

4700. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of foodgrains which were imported from abroad but damaged and destroyed due to lack of quality, year-wise during the last three years ;

(b) the reasons for such wastage of foodgrains and steps taken to prevent this in future ; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken against persons responsible for such wastage of public funds and material ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIREDNRA SINGH) :

(a) to (c) Year-wise details of the quantity and value of foodgrains imported from abroad during the last three years are given in Statement-I attached

Separate accounts of damages in foodgrains from imported and indigenous stocks are not being maintained as stocks once imported form a part of the general pool. The total stocks of foodgrains (both imported and indigenously procured) damaged during the last three years are given in Statement-II. attached.

Such damages have occurred mainly in CAP storage due to unexpected rains/storms. The steps taken to prevent such damages are construction of more covered accommodation and provision of adequate dunnage, use of water-proof polythene covers alongwith mono-filament nets/nylon ropes for proper lashing of polythene covers to prevent damages to them due to storm and aeration of stocks in clear weather.

Whenever negligence in taking the prescribed steps is found, prompt action is taken against those concerned.

Statement—I

Statement showing yearwise Quantity and Value of Wheat/Rice Imported

Year	Quantity of Wheat/Rice Imported During the Year		
	Commodity	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)	C. I. & F. Value (In crore Rs.)
1982-83	Wheat	19.52	384.66
	Rice	Nil	Nil
1983-84	Wheat	37.38	726.36
	Rice	42.04	833.53
1984-85	Wheat	6.89	130.14
	Rice	10.70	224.38

Statement—II

Year-wise details of the Quantity and Value of the Foodgrains Damaged in Food Corporation of India

Year	Quantity of Foodgrains Damaged (in thousand tonnes)	Value of the Damaged Foodgrains (in lakh rupees)
1981-82	79	414
1982-83	48	326
1983-84	101	995