

**Loss of Foodgrains in Transit and  
in Godowns**

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Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains lost in transit and damaged in Godowns on Government account during the years 1967-68 and 1968-69 ;

(b) who are responsible for such losses of foodgrains ;

(c) whether any damages have been claimed by any State Government from the Centre for such losses ; and

(d) the steps being taken to prevent such losses in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The information is given below :—

	<i>(Quantity lost in transit)</i>	<i>Tonnes Quantity damaged in godowns</i>
1967-68	9382	1943
1968-69	3296	960

This relates to the ports and depots whose work was being managed by the Government.

(b) The carriers are responsible for the loss of foodgrains in transit depending upon the merits of each case. When consignments are booked on "clear" Railway Receipts and the loss is certified by the Railway staff at destination, the Railways are responsible for the loss, except for loss of small quantities of foodgrains due to non-provision of dunnage at the wagon doors by the Food Department. Dunnage is not provided by the consignor i. e., the Food Department/Food Corporation of India because the cost is more than the loss sustained.

In case of road transport, the contractors, are held responsible for any loss.

Some damage in godowns during storage is inescapable despite necessary precautions, and nobody can be held responsible for such loss.

(c) In inter-State movement, foodgrains are transported mainly by rail. The State Governments can claim from the Food Department any loss sustained on account of non-provision of dunnage, provided, it is more than Rs. 50/- per wagon. The number of such claims is, however, small. For claims arising out of other causes, the State Governments themselves have to take up the matter with the carriers.

(d) Railways are approached from time to time to ensure safety of foodgrains in rail transit. To prevent damage in godowns, the Government are constructing more godowns which are rodent and damp proof. Measures to conserve grain in good condition, such as fumigation and pest control, are also taken in all F. C. I. godowns and bins.

**साप्ताहिक पत्रिकाओं का आकार**

1710. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :  
श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी :

क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण और संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या साप्ताहिक पत्रिकाओं को अखबारी कागज के लिए आयात लाइसेंस देने की नीति निर्धारित करते समय उनकी वर्तमान पृष्ठ संख्या, उनके पृष्ठ का आकार और उनकी परिचालन संख्या को ध्यान में रखा जाता है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ साप्ताहिक पत्रिकाओं को ये लाइसेंस उनके वर्तमान आंकड़ों के आधार पर दिये जाते हैं और कुछ अन्य पत्रिकाओं को उनके 1962 के आंकड़ों के आधार पर और यदि हाँ, तो इस भेद-भाव के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) निम्नलिखित साप्ताहिक पत्रिकाओं को वर्ष 1966 से प्रति वर्ष कितने-कितने