GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1253 ANSWERED ON:02.03.2001 STORAGE SPACE WITH FCI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU;MUDRAGADA PADMANABHAM;P. RAJENDRAN;SUNIL KHAN;TARACHAND BHAGORA;V.M. SUDHEERAN;VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of godowns with FCI in each State/U.T. both covered and uncovered, separately;

(b) the exact quantity and value of Foodgrains lying in the open with FCI at present, foodgrain-wise;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to cover the open godowns by FCI to stop further rotting of the foodgrains;

(d) whether any monitoring agency is available to check the rotting of foodgrain with FCI; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUSTION OF CHAUHAN)

(a) The information is given in Annexure-A.

(b) The exact quantity and value of foodgrains lying in the CAP storage with FCI as on 31-1-2001 is as under:-

Quantity in Lakh Tonnes Value in Rs. Crores

Commodity Qty. Value

Wheat 39.78 2798.96 Rice (Paddy in terms of Rice) 14.27 1420.58

(c), (d) & (e): The stocks of foodgrains with FCI are preserved on scientific lines to prevent damage. The following steps are also taken to preserve foodgrains:-

(i) Foodgrains are stored in rodent and damp proof godowns.

(ii) Pest control measures are undertaken regularly.

(iii) Qualified and technically trained staff is deployed for conducting periodical inspection for proper upkeep of foodgrains.

(iv) To avoid damage in transit, the foodgrains are moved in covered wagons, as far as possible. When moved in open wagons, the same are covered with tarpauline etc.

(v) They are subjected to prophylatic and curative treatments also.

(vi) In CAP storage, the stocks are stored in wooden crates and covered with low density blackpolythene covers (LDPE) which are water proof. These are tied with nylon ropes to prevent damage by ballooning of covers during high velocity winds.

ANNEXURE-A

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No. **F23B** ANSWER IN THE LOK SABH ON 2.3. 2001

STATEMENT SHOWING THE STATE-WISE NO. OF GODOWNS WITH FCI AS ON 31-12-2000

STATE /U.T. COVERED CAP (OPEN) GRAND TOTAL OWNED HIRED TOTAL OWNED HIRED TOTAL

(All India)