

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1344
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LOSS OF FOODGRAINS DUE TO RODENTS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

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

- (a) whether any estimate has been made of the quantum of foodgrains lost due to rodents in godowns of FCI in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of such losses every year in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether FCI has taken any steps to improve the quality of storage of FCI godowns in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the details of steps proposed to reduce destruction of foodgrains by rodents?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

- (a): No, Sir. However, the godowns of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Andhra Pradesh are scientifically built and rodent proof.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c)&(d): The FCI undertakes storage of foodgrains on scientific lines following the prescribed code of storage practices. Necessary pest control operations through prophylactic and curative treatments including rodent control measures like poison baiting and burrow fumigation are undertaken as and when necessary.