

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1294
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2002
THEFT OF FOODGRAINS FROM GODOWNS
LAXMAN GILUWA

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the theft of foodgrains from the godowns of the Food Corporation of India and are also exchanging the good quality of foodgrains for sub-standard foodgrains in collusion with the officers during the last three years and till date;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government have initiated remedial measures in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken against the erring officials in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The cases of theft of foodgrains from the godowns of Food Corporation of India during last three years are given in the statement attached.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The following remedial measures have been taken to prevent theft of foodgrains in FCI godowns:-

(i) Physical measures like installation of barbed wires fencing of the boundary walls, provision of light for illumination of godowns and proper locking of the sheds to secure the godowns.

(ii) Deployment of security staff of FCI as well as Home Guards for safety of the foodgrain stocks.

(iii) Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force and State Armed Police at vulnerable godowns.

(iv) Periodic security inspections as well as surprise checks of the depots at various levels to detect and plug the theft/security lapses.

(v) In case of occurrence of theft lodging of FIRs with the local police stations for investigation of the cases.

(e): Departmental action including recovery of losses is taken against the FCI officials who are found responsible for such occurrences of thefts.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)&(b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1294 DUE FOR ANSWER C 03-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Year 1998-99

| S.No. | Name of the State Commodity | Stocks Stolen |
|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|

| | | |
|--|------|--------|
| | Bags | Kattas |
|--|------|--------|

| | | | | |
|----|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| 1. | Punjab | Wheat | 410 | 175 |
|----|--------|-------|-----|-----|

2. Uttar Pradesh Wheat 50 -
 3. Rajasthan Wheat 77 394
 4. Kolkatta Wheat 66 -
 Rice 152 -
 5. Maharashtra Wheat 6 -
 Rice 15 -
 6. Guwahati Rice - 39
 7 Chennai Rice 39 -
 Total 815 608

Year 1999-2000

S.No. Name of the State Commodity Stocks Stolen
 Bags Kattas

1. Punjab Wheat 2 82
 Rice 42 167
 Paddy 404 -
 2. Rajasthan Wheat - 892
 3. Guwahati Wheat - 11
 Rice 115
 4. Maharashtra Wheat 122 -
 Rice 56 -
 5. Madhya Pradesh Wheat 162 134
 6. Chennai Wheat - 30
 7 Raipur Wheat 29 -
 8. Kolkatta Wheat 62 -
 Rice 150 -
 Total 1144 1316
 Year 2000-2001

S.No. Name of the State Commodity Stocks Stolen
 Bags Kattas

1. Punjab Wheat 129 1156
 Rice - 535
 Paddy 586 437
 2. Rajasthan Wheat - 19
 3. Delhi Wheat - 249
 4. Haryana Wheat - 367
 5. Madhya Pradesh Wheat - 447-
 Rice 2

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|-----|----------------|-------|------|------|
| 6. | Gujarat | Wheat | 16 | 57 |
| 7 | Chennai | Wheat | 121 | 48 |
| 8. | Andhra Pradesh | Wheat | 5 | - |
| 9. | Kolkatta | Wheat | 76 | 59 |
| 10. | Maharashtra | Rice | 196 | - |
| 11. | Trivandrum | Rice | 55 | - |
| | Total | | 1186 | 3374 |

Year April, 2001 to December, 2001

| S.No. | Name of the State | Commodity | Stocks | Stolen |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
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Bags Kattas

| | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-------|-----|------|
| 1. | Punjab | Wheat | 10 | 516 |
| | | Rice | 34 | - |
| 2. | Rajasthan | Wheat | - | 46 |
| 3. | Haryana | Wheat | - | 379 |
| 4. | Madhya Pradesh | Wheat | 2 | 398 |
| | | Rice | 1 | |
| 5. | Maharashtra | Wheat | 130 | 36 |
| | | Rice | 233 | - |
| 6. | Raipur | Wheat | 11 | 255 |
| 7 | Chennai | Wheat | 26 | - |
| 8. | Kolkatta | Rice | 6 | 83 |
| 9. | Ahmedabad | Wheat | - | 363 |
| 10. | Delhi | Wheat | - | 74 |
| | Total | | 453 | 2150 |