

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

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FOODGRAINS IN FCI GODOWNS
PUSP JAIN

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

- (a) the total quantum of foodgrains in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India at present which is about two to five years old;
- (b) the percentage of foodgrains out of above which has become totally unfit for human consumption;
- (c) the schemes which are likely to be introduced by the Government for proper storage of foodgrains;
- (d) whether there is any system for testing of foodgrains in the godowns; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

- (a) A total quantity of 15.72 lakh MTs of foodgrains (consisting of 11.65 lakh MTs of wheat, 3.91 lakh MTs of rice and 0.16 lakh MTs of paddy) of two to five year old were available in the godowns of FCI as on 31.5.2000.
- (b) Out of a total quantity of 244.74 lakh MTs held by FCIs as on 31.5.2000, a total quantity of 1.90 lakh MTs of foodgrains has been transferred from sound to damaged grain (unfit for human consumption) due to transit, damage, natural calamities and down gradation during storage. This works out to be 0.78%
- (c) The Government has decided to introduce bulk handling, storage and transportation of foodgrains in the country for proper storage of foodgrains .
- (d) Yes Sir
- (e) The foodgrain stocks are regularly checked for the presence of insects and other quality parameters by drawing samples from each stack in a scientific manner. In case, the insects are found in the stock of foodgrains / godowns , prophylactic and curative treatments are carried for the control of insects.