

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

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ROTTING OF FOODGRAINS .

DUKHA BHAGAT;JAIBHAN SINGH PAWAIYA;JAYASHREE BANERJEE;MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL;RAGHUNATH JHA;SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SHEELA GAUTAM;SUNDER LAL TWARI;TARUN GOGOI

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

- (a) the quantity of wheat and rice rotting in Government godowns at present, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the reasons therefore and the action taken against the officers responsible for this and the measures taken to check the recurrence;
- (c) whether there is any scheme to utilize it;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the quantity of wheat and rice procured by the Government during this year and the space available to keep it in the godowns;
- (f) the details of foodgrains which got wet in the rains because there was no arrangement for keeping it in the godowns; and
- (g) the policy of the Government with regard to keeping wet foodgrains in the godowns?

Answer

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

- (a) No quantity of wheat and rice is rotting in Government godowns.
- (b),(c) & (d): Does not arise.
- (e) The quantity of wheat and rice procured for the Central Pool during this year is as under :

Wheat - 16.24 million tons. (Rabi Marketing Season 2000-2001)

Rice - 16.47 million tons. (Kharif Marketing Season 1999-2000)

Against the total storage capacity of 27.32 million tons available with FCI, 20.15million tons of foodgrains is in storage. Besides, the capacity available with the Central Warehousing Corporation and the State agencies are also utilized for the storage of foodgrains.

(f)&(g): No quantity got affected due to rain. All precautions are taken to protect the stocks stored either in covered godowns or in CAP storage.