

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1829

ANSWERED ON:04.12.2006

THEFT OF IMPORTED WHEAT

Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji; Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba

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

- (a) Whether thousands of imported wheat bags transported from the Tuticorin Harbour to Food Corporation of India warehouses in Kerala and Karnataka have been reported missing;
- (b) If so, whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard ;
- (c) If so, the outcome thereof and the action taken by the Union Government against the officials held guilty therefor; and
- (d) The steps taken by the Union Government to recover the missing bags ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : FCI has deputed special squads for investigations. Meanwhile, the unpaid bills, security deposit and Bank guarantees of the stevedoring contractor have been withheld.

(c)&(d) : Investigation is under process, after completion of which, the Government would take appropriate action against those found guilty.