

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:111
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SPOILED FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge quantity of wheat was spoiled and became unfit for human consumption during the current financial year due to official negligence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the officials held responsible alongwith the action taken against them; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to check the recurrence of such incidents in future?

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)&(b): No Sir. During the current year, only 828 MTs of wheat out of 142 lakh MTs procured indigenously and imported was found damaged/unfit for human consumption due to natural calamities and operational losses.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): Government has taken several steps to ensure safe storage of wheat in godowns and temporary storage. Regular inspections are done to assess the condition of stocks and to take necessary steps to maintain the quality of wheat stored.