

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

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LOSS DURING MONSOON DUE TO SHORTAGE OF STORAGE SPACE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the foodgrains have to be kept lying in open even during monsoon due to shortage of storage space ;
- (b) if so, the details of loss suffered during the last three years annually on this account;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to formulate a new scheme to minimise such loss; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) : During peak procurement period, foodgrains may have to be kept in scientifically built Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage, wherever covered space is not readily available.

(b) : The losses incurred during storage (both covered and CAP) in the last three years is as under:

Year	Wheat		Rice	
	Qty. of loss (Lakh MTs)	% age of loss on Qty. issued	Qty. of loss (Lakh MTs)	% age of loss on Qty. issued
2001-02	-0.24	-0.08	1.64	0.61
2002-03	-0.16 (Prov.)	0.12 (Prov.)	2.35 (Prov.)	0.75 (Prov.)
2003-04	-0.14 (Prov.)	-0.13 (Prov.)	1.94 (Prov.)	0.55 (Prov.)

Note: (-) denotes storage gain.

(c)&(d): Efforts are continuously made to minimize losses.