

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

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

- (a) whether wheat, rice and other foodgrains are rotting in various godowns of the Food Corporation of India in the country in the absence of proper care and shortage of staff;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the arrangements made for storage of foodgrains in the country including Jharkhand alongwith the total number of food godowns set up, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the amount being spent and the employees deputed by the Government for taking care of foodgrains stored in each godown alongwith the quantity of foodgrains stored, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): FCI has reported that as on 01-07-2010 there were 11708 tons of damaged/ non-issuable foodgrains in its depots. However, this quantity has become non-issuable because of different reasons and all of it cannot be termed as rotten.

During transportation, handling and storage operations, some quantities of foodgrains get damaged or their quality gets deteriorated due to spillage, storage over extended periods of time when the depots are not able to exhaust such stocks in time by issuing to State Governments, exposure to rains, etc.

(c): For storing central pool stocks of foodgrains, FCI has its own godowns and Cover & Plinth (CAP) storage capacity. To meet shortfall, FCI hires godowns and CAP storage facilities of Central Warehousing Corporation, State agencies and private parties. Details of storage capacity with FCI as on 30-06-2010 are annexed.

(d): Information is being collected.