

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1487
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2010
STORAGE SPACE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of storage capacity of foodgrains in the country including Punjab:
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the available storage capacity of foodgrains in Punjab alongwith the quantum of foodgrains stored therein both by FCI and decentralised State Government procurement agencies; and
- (c) the total quantity of foodgrains declared unfit for human consumption due to storage damages?

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): Yes, Madam.

(b): The details are as under:-

(fig. in lakh MTs)

Total covered and open capacity for central pool stock with FCI and State Agencies alongwith stocks as on 01-07-10 in Punjab

Agencies	Covered	Capacity	Wheat	Rice	Total	CAP.	Capacity	Wheat
FCI	72.31	6.92	62.94	69.86	11.01	7.38		
PS WC	9.29	6.02	0	6.02	4.07	4.27		
MARKFED	9.83	8.96	0	8.96	25.77	25.95		
PUNGRAIN	1.33	0.74	0	0.74	17.11	17.62		
PUNSUP	2.53	2.01	0	2.01	28.89	29.15		
PAIC	0.91	0.83	0	0.83	17.00	15.49		
Total	96.2	25.48	62.94	88.42	103.85	99.86		

(c): As on 01-07-2010, a total accrued quantity of 11708 MTs of damaged Wheat, Rice and Paddy is available in FCI godowns. Out of which a quantity of 2270 MT accrued due to damage in storage.

The quantity of non-issuable/damaged foodgrains with reasons for damages is at Annexure.