

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

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

- (a) whether more than five years old foodgrain stocks have been lying in the Food Corporation of India godowns;
- (b) if so, the rationale behind keeping such old stock of foodgrains in the godowns;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government for disposal of the old stock of foodgrains; and
- (d) the outcome of the said efforts?

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): Yes Madam, as on 1.11.2010 the Food Corporation of India (FCI) was holding 3100 tons of rice in its godowns, which were more than 5 year old. The State -wise details of these stocks and reasons for their non-disposal are as under-

Region Quantity Reasons

West Bengal 355 tons Rice Boiled Food Storage Depot (FSD) Durgapur
Common under 'D' was closed due to Industrial
category is lying Relation problem for about one year.
at Food Storage Depot The stock has been freshly categorized
Durgapur. and is under process of disposal.

Jharkhand 2240 tons of Rice Raw State Govt. of Jharkhand refused to
Grade-'A' under category lift, this quantum of raw rice under
'C' of Crop Year 2004-05 Public Distribution System, as consumers
lying at FSD - Ranchi and in the State consume only Par
Agricultural Refinance Boiled Rice. However, disposal
Development Corporation-(ARDC) of this stock is under process.
Tatisilwai.

Punjab 1.) 93 tons Boiled Rice 1. 93 tons Boiled Rice Grade 'A' could
Grade A 04-05 Ready stock not be liquidated as there is no
consumption locally.

2.) 114 tons Boiled Rice Grade 2. The ownership is disputed and
A 01-02 in upgradeable matter is subjudice.
condition

Uttarakhand 298 tons (2005-06) Boiled The 298 tons (05-06) Boiled Rice Common
Rice Common preserved at Itawa depot under Indian
Grain storage Management & Research
Institute experiment, the experiment
period completed and action for disposal
is under way.

(c) & (d): FCI follows the FIFO (First In First Out) principle to dispose of the old stock of foodgrains and instructions have been issued from time to time in this regard. Due to this continuous efforts the present level of more than 5 year old stocks constitutes only 0.0137% of the total stocks (225.68 lakh tons) of foodgrains held by the FCI on 1.11.2010, which is negligible.

