

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1035
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CALCULATION OF STORAGE LOSSES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the methodology for calculating storage losses;
- (b) whether storage losses are only calculated at the time of destocking;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether nearly half of the food subsidy is being spent on holding these excess foodgrain stocks; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Storage losses are calculated commodity-wise, stack-wise and month-wise on the basis of difference between the receipt weight and the issue weight.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. The storage loss of a particular stack is arrived at, only after issue of the entire quantity in that stack.

Details of storage losses in FCI during the year 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as under :-

(Qty. in lakh MT)

Year Qty. received Qty. of loss %age

2007-08	655.89	1.39	0.21
(Audited)			
2008-09	620.17	0.58	0.10
(Audited)			
2009-10	490.57	1.32	0.27
(Provisional)			

(d): No, Madam. In the year 2008-09 only 10.19% of the food subsidy was incurred by FCI as buffer subsidy.

(e): Does not arise.