

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRANSIT LOSS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of foodgrains, pulses and vegetables etc. that perishes in transit before reaching the consumers;
- (b) the percentage loss of foodgrains, pulses and vegetables due to weeds, improper use of pesticides, and shortage of cold storages, separately; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to minimise such losses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) & (b): No specific scientific study has been made to assess the percentage of foodgrains, pulses and vegetables etc. that perishes in transit before reaching the consumers and also the percentage loss of the foodgrains, pulses and vegetables due to weeds, improper use of pesticides and shortage of cold storages etc. However, as per the study on "Estimation of Quantitative Harvest and Post Harvest Losses of Major Agricultural Produce in India" carried out by Indian Council of Agricultural Research from 2005 to 2007, the post harvest losses due to transportation and that due to godown/warehouse/cold storage range from 0.1 - 0.2 and 0.2 - 0.6 percentage respectively for selected cereals, 0.1 - 0.2 percentage for pulses and 0.4 - 3.1 and 0.3 - 2.2 percentage respectively in selected vegetables.

(c): The Government facilitates integrated pest management under the scheme of strengthening and Modernisation of Pest Management Approach. The Government also provides assistance for plant protection interventions and setting up of cold storages through schemes such as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Macro Management of Agriculture, National Food Security Mission, National Horticulture Mission, Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States and National Horticulture Board etc.