

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:447

ANSWERED ON:04.08.2009

LOSS OF FOODGRAINS

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the large scale loss of foodgrains during storage and in transit by the Food Corporation of India and other public agencies;
- (b) whether the reasons for such losses have been identified, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of storage and transit loss reported during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the loss;
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for safe storage of foodgrains and also to check loss of foodgrains?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.447 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 04.08.2009 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam, Food Corporation of India is incurring small loss of foodgrains during storage and transit. However, there is no large scale loss of foodgrains. The reasons for storage and transit losses are given at Annexure-I.

(c): The details of storage and transit losses incurred by FCI during the last three years are at Annexure-II.

(d),(e)&(f): Yes, Madam. A study was conducted by M/s. RITES Ltd. (which submitted its report in May, 2005) to reduce the transit losses of foodgrains in movement by rail. On the basis of its recommendations, steps taken by FCI for safe storage and also to check loss of foodgrains in transit have been formulated and are given at Annexure-III. The Government also fixes the yearly target for limiting losses in the MOU it signs with FCI. For the year 2009-10, the limits for storage loss & transit loss have been fixed as 0.20% and 0.40% respectively.