

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

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DAMAGE TO FOODGRAINS

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

- (a) whether the damage to foodgrains had come down from 2.5 per cent in 2007-08 to 0.07 per cent this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of foodgrains damaged during the said period, State-wise, year-wise and grain-wise;
- (c) whether the Government had directed the State Governments to take maximum care to prevent loss/damage of foodgrains; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the States thereto?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): As reported by Food Corporation of India, the position of accrual of damaged foodgrains in the year 2007-08 was 0.10% and during 2011-12 (upto 1.7.2011), 0.005% in terms of offtake of foodgrains from FCI. Details of region-wise and commodity-wise damaged foodgrains during 2007-08; 2008-09; 2009-10; 2010-11 and 2011-12 (upto 1.7.2011) are at Annexures-I, II, III, IV and V respectively.

(c) & (d): State Governments have been requested to follow the instructions issued by Government of India regarding safe and proper storage of foodgrains including wheat in covered and CAP storage to avoid damages during storage. These instructions have been issued time and again. Recently, these instructions were reiterated vide Department's letter dated 06.07.2011. These measures include continuous monitoring of quality of foodgrains during procurement, storage and distribution, to follow code of practices for safe storage in covered and CAP storage, to take all precautionary measures like prophylactic and curative treatment for insect pest control, regular periodic inspection of stocks to assess the quality. State Governments have reiterated the instructions to their field functionaries for compliance to avoid any damage of foodgrains during storage.