

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that as on 6 June 2012, 1037 metric tonnes of rice stocked in more than 10,000 sacks was found rotting in two godowns of Jharkhand State Food Corporation since the launch of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the said food items;
- (c) whether there is any mechanism to find out the rotting food items in various FCI godowns;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Food Corporation of India (FCI) has informed that Rural Development Department, Govt. of Jharkhand, had stored in June 2006 a quantity of 1602.052 tons rice for Sampurn Grameen Rojgar Yojna (SGRY) scheme in Kadru godown of Jharkhand State Food Corporation, Ranchi, out of which 595.122 tons rice was lifted by District Rural Development Authority (DRDA), Ranchi.

On physical verification, a quantity of 366.248 tons rice was found short and two F.I.R.s were lodged against the concerned Godown Managers. Presently, a quantity of 640.682 tons rice available in godown has been found not fit for issue and is to be auctioned.

(c)& (d): In FCI, there is an well established mechanism of inspection of all the stocks to ascertain any deterioration in quality of stored stocks in the godowns and to avoid the deterioration. During storage, prescribed code of storage practices are to be followed to maintain the quality. Fortnightly inspection of stocks on 100% basis are done by Technical Assistants for declaring categorization of stocks followed by monthly inspections of 1/3rd of stocks by Manager (QC) and supervisory inspections by all senior officers. The health of the foodgrains as per standing instruction is monitored at regular intervals by a system of checks at different levels.

(e): Does not arise.