

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1438  
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TRANSIT LOSSES OF FOODGRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether heavy expenditure is incurred on transportation of foodgrains to storage godowns and from there to the distribution centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years;
- (c) the total quantity of foodgrains lost due to pilferage during transportation and storage alongwith the value thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to check such wasteful expenditure and loss of foodgrains?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The details of expenditure incurred by Food Corporation of India (FCI) on transportation of foodgrains to storage godowns and from there to distribution centres during the last three years is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	2006-07	2007-08 (Prov)	2008-09 (RE)
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Railway freight	2571.32	2668.15	2770.84
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Road freight	429.05	487.83	423.70
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Other freight	71.07	59.97	63.35
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Grand Total	3071.44	3215.95	3257.89
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(c): As per the information furnished by FCI, the total quantity of foodgrains lost due to pilferage during transportation and storage and value of foodgrains is as under:

Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (in Rs.)
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2006-07 6.95 53,905

2007-08 91.29 8,95,766

2008-09 Nil Nil

(d): Following steps have been taken by FCI to check wasteful expenditure and loss of foodgrains, during storage & transit:

(i) Installation of barbed wires, fencing of boundary walls, provision of street lights in the godowns/complexes and proper locking of the sheds.

(ii) Security staff of FCI as well as other agencies like Home Guards, Special Police Officers are deployed for safety of stocks.

(iii) Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force and State Armed Police has been done at vulnerable depots/godowns in the naxal prone areas.

(iv) Security Inspection as well as surprise checks of the depots are being conducted from time to time at various levels to detect and plug any security lapses.

(v) FIRs have also been lodged with the Police. Besides, departmental action including recovery of loss has been resorted to.