

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to unveil a new National Procurement Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to install CCTV cameras in all the granaries/godowns to stop pilferage of food stocks and also obtain dedicated coaches from the railways to transport foodgrains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to prevent theft and wastage of foodgrains?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam, there is a proposal for installation of CCTV cameras in selected godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) and on pilot basis it is being introduced at 11 depots in three States as under:

State Depots

Delhi Mayapuri

Bihar Mokahama, Gaya, Chanpatia, Chhapra & Buxar

U.P. Barabanki-I & II, Faizabad, Naini & Roza

So far as movement of foodgrain rakes is concerned, no dedicated coaches/wagons are supplied by Railways exclusively for the movement of foodgrains. The covered wagons which are supplied by Railways for movement of foodgrains are also used by them for other purposes.

(e) Food Corporation of India (FCI) has taken the following steps to prevent theft/ pilferage:

1. Installation of barbed wire fencing on boundary walls, provision of street lights in the godowns/complexes and proper locking of the sheds.
2. Security staffs of FCI as well as other agencies like Home Guards and Special Police Officers are deployed in depots.
3. Deployment of State Armed Police has been done at vulnerable depots/ godowns in the naxal prone areas.
4. Security inspections as well as surprise checks of the depots are conducted from time to time at various levels to detect and plug any security lapses.

5. FIRs have also been lodged with the Police where theft/pilferage has come to notice. Apart from this, departmental action including recovery of loss has been resorted to act as deterrent.

Steps taken by FCI to preserve the quality of foodgrains is given at Annexure I.