

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1345  
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INSPECTION OF GODOWNS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether surprise check/inspection of foodgrains stocks in the godowns of the food corporation of India including in Allahabad was carried out by its officials during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof indicating the anomalies including shortage and unsafe storage detected therein during the said period; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) Following surprise checks/ inspections of godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) including Allahabad have been carried out in the last three years:-

Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
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Surprise checks	1335	7979	6732/inspections
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(b) Following shortages in stocks were detected during the checks/ inspections:

(Figures in tons)

Sl.No.	State	Wheat	Rice	Total
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1.	Allahabad (Naini)	69.60	1388.00	1457.60
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2.	U.P. (including Allahabad)	596.60	1505.75	2102.35
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3.	Bihar	4340.40	10630.90	14971.30
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4.	Assam	238.40	1315.50	1553.93
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Total (2 to 4)      5175.40   13452.15   18627.58

(c) Disciplinary action has been taken against 20 officials in 2010-11, 59 officials in 2011-12 and 15 officials in 2012-13 for shortages and damages to foodgrain including unsafe storage.

In addition steps have been taken by FCI to check damages during storage by ensuring scientific management of food grain stocks as per code of practices for stacking and preservation, periodic quality inspection and following the First in First Out (FIFO) principle at Depots and Book Keeping.