

**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) the total procurement and stock of foodgrains in the country alongwith the quantity damaged during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise, agency-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether foodgrains are rotting due to poor/Inadequate storage facilities and storage in the open particularly in the foodgrains surplus States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantity of foodgrains stored in the open and the remedial measures taken in this regard; and
- (d) the quantum of foodgrains exported during the said period?

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): The total procurement of foodgrains during the last three years and current year, State-wise and agency-wise are given in Annexures-I and II.

The stock position of foodgrains (wheat and rice) in the Central Pool as on 30.9.2009 with FCI and State Agencies, State-wise is given in Annexure-III.

The quantities of foodgrains with FCI which were damaged due to various reasons, such as, cyclone, floods, acceptance of below specifications stocks and movement to other regions are given below:

Year Total quantity of damaged foodgrains
(In lakh tons.)

2006-07	0.25
2007-08	0.34
2008-09	0.20
2009-10 (Upto Sept., '09)	0.03
Total	0.82

(b)&(c): Negligible quantity of foodgrains had got rotten or become unworthy of human consumption due to poor maintenance in the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI).

142.64 lakh tons of wheat is stored in open (Cover and Plinth) with FCI and State agencies in Punjab and Haryana.

To augment the storage capacity, FCI is likely to create 1.39 lakh tons additional storage capacity during the 11th Five Year Plan 2007-12. FCI has also proposed to create additional storage capacity of about 126.35 lakh tons through private sector participation in various States for TPDS requirements.

Besides, the following steps have been taken by F.C.I. for safe storage and preservation of foodgrains in covered godowns and cover and plinth (CAP) complexes:

- (i) All FCI godowns are constructed as per specifications.
- (ii) Foodgrains are stored by adopting proper scientific code of storage practices of the foodgrains.
- (iii) Adequate dunnage materials, such as, wooden crates, bamboo mats, polythene sheets are used to check the migration of

moisture from the floor.

(iv) Fumigation covers, nylon ropes, nets and insecticides for control of stored grain insect pests are provided in all the godowns.

(v) Prophylactic (spraying of insecticides) and curative treatments (fumigation) are carried out regularly and timely in FCI godowns for the control of stored grain insect pests.

(vi) Effective rat control measures, both in covered godowns as well as in CAP storage are used.

(vii) Foodgrains in CAP storage are stored on elevated plinths and wooden crates are used as dunnage material. Stacks are properly covered with specifically fabricated low-density black polythene water proof covers and tied with nylon ropes/nets.

(viii) Regular periodic inspections of the stocks/godowns are undertaken by qualified and trained staff of FCI including senior officers.

(d): The quantity of foodgrains exported during last three years and current year is given below:

Year	Export (Fig. in lakh tons.)	
	Wheat	Rice

2006-07	00.47	47.48
2007-08	0.002	64.69
2008-09	0.011	24.88
2009-10 (Upto November, 2009)	0.008	12.18