

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:485  
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2013  
STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total quantum and value of foodgrains stored in the Government godowns during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether some foodgrains were held up in the godowns and lost due to rotting, pest and rodent infestation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the quantum and value of foodgrains lost during the said period;
- (d) whether there is any provision for maximum time limit for the storage of foodgrains and their mandatory replacement by fresh stocks; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for disposal of the damaged stocks?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 485 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 30.04.2013 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The stock position of wheat and rice (including un-milled paddy in terms of rice) in Central Pool during each of last three years and current year along with its value, as on 1st April is as under:

Stock (in Lakh MTs)      Value at the acquisition cost  
of the respective year  
(Rs. In Crores)

Year	Wheat	Rice (incl uding un- milled paddy in terms of rice)	Total	Wheat	Rice	Total
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01.04.2010	161.25	267.13				
	428.38	19740.87	43679.76	63420.63		

01.04.2011	153.64	288.2	441.84	19615.22	50712.25	70327.47
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01.04.2012	199.52	333.5	533.02	27032.17	62104.37	89136.54
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01.04.2013 242.07 354.68 596.75 36392.56 73402.09 109794.65

(b) & (c): No Madam. However, a meagre quantity of foodgrains got damaged/became non-issuable during last three years and current year w.e.f. 2009-10 to 2012-13 (upto March, 2013) due to various reasons, such as

(i) Storage damage

(ii) transit damages

(iii) cyclone/flood damages and due to rains and

(iv) in some cases due to negligence of officials/ officers, for which suitable disciplinary action against officials responsible, where ever found guilty, are invariably taken.

Details of Commodity-wise quantum and value of accrual of damaged/Non-Issuable foodgrains with FCI during last three years and current year (upto March, 2013) is given as under.

Stock (Figures in MTs)		Value ( In Lakh Rs. )				
Year	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Total	
2009-10	2010.00	3680.00	228.17	537.27	765.44	
2010-11	1997.00	1908.00	244.48	311.99	556.47	
2011-12	2401.61	936.40	306.61	164.77	471.38	
2012-13	2417.23	728.21	32.75	135.61	168.36	

(d) & (e): The foodgrains stored scientifically in normal climatic conditions usually remain in good conditions for a period of three years and for even longer in modern silos. The study on Shelf life of wheat stored in covered godown and under CAP conducted during 2008-09 has revealed that wheat can be stored in jute bags both in godowns as well as under CAP upto a period of three years without significantly affecting physical and chemical qualities. The Principle of "First In First Out"(FIFO) is followed for offtake / disposal of the foodgrains to the extent possible so as to avoid longer storage of foodgrains in godowns. There is a set procedure for disposal of damaged/ Non-Issuable foodgrains being followed in FCI.