

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

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FOODGRAINS ROTTING IN GODOWNS

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

- (a) whether huge quantity of foodgrains are rotting in godowns across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for not allowing exports by the Government despite adequate stocks of cereals?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): No, Madam. However, some quantities of foodgrains with FCI in Central Pool are damaged due to various reasons, such as, cyclones and floods and acceptance of below specifications stocks and movement to other regions.

(c): Keeping in view the wide spread drought situation in the country and estimated less production of foodgrains including rice during Kharif Marketing Season 2009-10, the Government did not allow export of foodgrains.