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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:843 ANSWERED ON:24.11.2009 TRANSIT AND STORAGE LOSSES Chitthan Shri N.S.V.;Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

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

- (a) the storage capacity vis-Ã -vis agriculture production in the country, Statewise;
- (b) whether a huge quantity of foodgrains were lost due to poor transit and storage facilities in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the total quantity and value of foodgrains lost due to transit and poor storage during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken to check such losses?

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): A Statement showing the State-wise storage capacity with FCI as on 31.10.2009 is at Annexure-I.

A Statement showing the State-wise agriculture production(wheat and rice) for the last five years and current year is at Annexure-II.

- (b): No, Madam. However, while carrying out operational activities on a large scale, some storage and transit losses are inevitable.
- (c): State-wise Storage & Transit Losses (wheat & rice) for the years 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (Upto September, 2009) in terms of quantity and value are at Annexure-III.

Further, all-India Storage & Transit Losses for the above years are as under:

(#Figures for 2006-07 are audited and for other years these are provisional)

Transit Losses

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(Qty. in lakh MT/ Value Rupees in Crores)
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2006-07# 1.39 133.87 322.58 0.43

2007-08 1.18 139.21 287.01 0.41

2008-09 0.96 132.65 239.26 0.40

2009-10 0.59 88.34 27.49 0.46
(Upto Sep'09)
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(d): Steps taken to check/reduce Storage & Transit Losses are at Annexure-IV.