

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

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SUPPLY OF WHEAT UNDER PDS

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

- (a) whether complaints/reports have been received from various quarters including the State Governments regarding sub-standard quality and nutritionally poor foodgrains including wheat being supplied under the Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto along with the corrective action taken in the matter;
- (c) whether the stocks in various godowns in different parts of the country were also found to be below standard quality;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Some complaints about supply of poor quality of foodgrains under Public Distribution System (PDS) have been received. However, no complaint about supply of nutritionally poor foodgrains has been received. State-wise details of the complaints about supply of poor quality foodgrains under PDS received and action taken by the Department during 2012-13 and current year (as on 1.8.2013) are at Annex-1.

(c) & (d): Foodgrains are procured as per uniform specifications formulated by this Department. Procured foodgrains are stored in covered godowns as well as under CAP (Covered & Plinth) storage (wheat and paddy only) for varying periods. Rice is stored in covered godowns only. During storage, ntific code of practices for safe storage of foodgrains are adopted by FCI and State agencies. Regular prophylactic and curative treatments are to be carried out for the control of insect pests. Proper aeration, cleaning and brushing (of foodgrains bags) are done regularly. All precautionary measures are taken to preserve the quality of foodgrains in storage, however some quantity of foodgrains may get damaged due to various reasons such as storage pest attack, leakages in roof, exposure to moisture in case of unscientific storage, floods or negligence on the part of person concerned in taking precautionary measures etc. State-wise and commodity-wise details of damaged / non-issuable foodgrains in FCI as on 1.8.2013 is at Annex-II.

(e): In order to ensure that only good quality foodgrains are issued for distribution under PDS, instructions have been issued to Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Governments as detailed in Annex-III