

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

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

- (a) whether loss/damage of foodgrains during transit have been reported during the recent years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the quantum and value of such losses reported during the said period, State-wise;and
- (c) the details of the steps taken to identify the persons responsible for such losses along with the action taken against them during the said period?

Answer

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

(a & b) Yes, Madam. State-wise details of loss/damage of foodgrains during transit during last and current year are at Annex-I & II.

Main reasons for transit losses during foodgrains movement are as follows:

- (i) The bags undergo multiple handlings and workers use iron hooks. As a result the bags bleed and the losses occur.
 - (ii) Due to driage of moisture.
 - (iii) Due to spillage through holes of the wagons and flap doors.
 - (iv) Lack of basic foodgrain handling infrastructure at railheads.
 - (v) Pilferages during transshipment of stocks from Broad Gauge to Meter Gauge wagons.
- (c) In each & every case of transit losses, action is taken by FCI to identify & initiate action against the persons responsible for such losses. Details of the action taken for the cases of transit loss during 2012-13 and 2013-14(upto December 2014) is as follows:

Year	No. of cases where action has been taken against officers/ officials for transit loss
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2012-13	305
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2013-14 (December 2014)	118
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