

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

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PRESERVATION OF FOODGRAINS IN WAREHOUSES AND GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of foodgrains destroyed in warehouses and godowns managed by the Union Government and the State Governments due to various factors/reasons including infestation by pests and rats during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether insecticides are used to prevent infestation of the foodgrains;
- (c) if so, the quantum of insecticides used during each of the last three years and the cost incurred thereon; and
- (d) the reasons for substantial loss of foodgrains due to infestation by rats and insects despite the use of insecticides?

Answer

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

(a): Due to the use of effective rodenticides and insecticides for the control of rats and insects, the quantum of foodgrains destroyed in Food Corporation of India (FCI) godowns during last three years and current year is negligible. However, some quantities of foodgrains with FCI were damaged due to various reasons, such as, cyclones and floods, acceptance of below specifications stocks and movement to other regions. The details are given below:

Year Total quantity of damaged
foodgrains (In lakh tons.)

2006-07	0.25
2007-08	0.34
2008-09	0.20
2009-10	0.03
(Upto Sept., '09)	
Total	0.82

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): The quantum of insecticides used in each year in the last three years in FCI godowns and the cost incurred thereon are given below:

Year	Quantum of insecticides used		Cost incurred
	Solid/ powder insecticides (Tons)	Liquid insecticides (Litres)	(Fig. In lakh Rs.)

2006-07	346.3	23330	576.38
2007-08	407.1	24029	624.59
2008-09	514.0	33769	799.04

(d): Due to the use of rodenticides/insecticides for the control of rats, insects and steps taken by FCI for proper upkeep of foodgrains in its godowns, losses of foodgrains by rats and insects in FCI godowns are reported to be negligible.