

**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) the modes adopted by the Government for transportation and distribution of foodgrains;
- (b) whether any incident relating to damage of foodgrains during transportation by Road and Rail have been reported;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum and value of losses incurred during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check such losses in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a): The modes used for transportation of foodgrains are Rail, Road and Coastal/ Riverine, means of transport for carrying foodgrains from surplus areas to the deficit areas for distribution.

The allocations for different States are made by Govt. of India under various schemes and FCI issues foodgrain from its base depots to the State Governments accordingly. The responsibility of further distribution of foodgrains to beneficiaries rests with the respective State/ UT Governments.

(b)&(c): Food grain being a perishable commodity, some quantities become non-issuable in transit due to contamination, wagon roof leakage etc

Statement showing details of Foodgrains got damaged during transit during last 3 years and current year and its estimated loss (upto 01-02-2015) is enclosed at Annexure A.

(d) Steps taken to control Transit Loss are at Annexure B.