

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6386
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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 presently available modes of transportation and distribution of foodgrains;
- (b) whether incidents of loss of foodgrains meant for Public Distribution System (PDS) during transit have been reported in the recent years, if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum and value of foodgrains lost during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether any monitoring mechanism has been put in place to check transit losses, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any investigation has been held in such incidents; and
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

- (a):The modes used for transportation of foodgrains are Rail, Road and Coastal /Riverine.
- (b):Yes, Madam. Statement indicating the quantum and value of foodgrains lost during transit in last 3 years, State/UT -wise is at Annexure I.
- (c):Cases of abnormal transit loss are investigated and disciplinary action is taken for unjustifiable losses. Squads are formed for monitoring/ supervising the operations with a view to control the losses.
- (d) & (e): Yes, Madam. Investigations are conducted for the loss of foodgrains during transit on case to case basis. Based on these investigations, action is taken against the erring officers/officials. Number of cases of transit loss initiated during last three years is as under:

Year	No. of cases initiated
2012-13	305
2013-14	189
2014-15	171