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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2752 ANSWERED ON:10.05.2016 Inspection of Godowns

Birla Shri Om; Devi Smt. Rama; Kataria Shri Rattan Lal; Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

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

- (a) the quantum and value of foodgrains reported rotted in Government Godowns during the last three years;
- (b) whether Stocks/Godowns are inspected on regular basis by efficient and trained employees including senior officers of the Ministry/Food Corporation of India, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such inspections conducted during the last three years along with the shortcomings noticed therein; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government so far on the basis of the findings of the said inspections and the outcome thereof indicating the number of persons held responsible and charges levelled against them, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): The quantity and value of foodgrains accrued as damaged/non-issuable in the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the last three years are as under:

Year

Quantity

(in lakh tons)

Value

(Rupees in crore)

2013-14

0.25

23.48

2014-15

0.19

19.90

2015-16

0.03

3.44 ...2/-

....2...

(b)&(c): Yes Madam, periodic inspections and checks are conducted in the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) by District, Regional, Zonal and Headquarter level Officers. Besides, Vigilance Division of FCI Headquarters also has the mandate of inspection of the godowns. The officers of Quality Control Cells of the Ministry also conduct super inspections of Central Pool foodgrains stocks. The details of squad inspections carried out during last three years by FCI are as under:

Year

No. of Inspections

2013-14

6225

2014-15

6025

2015-16

5873

The details of inspections carried out during last three years by Quality Control Cells of the Ministry are as under:

Year

No. of Inspection

2013-14

767

2014-15

954

2015-16

1096

During the course of inspections, various irregularities such as purchase of beyond specification stocks, abnormal transit/storage losses, down gradation/damage of stocks, misappropriation of stocks and administrative lapses were noticed.

As and when discrepancies are observed during inspections, the same are brought to the notice of the concerned authorities to ensure immediate necessary corrective measures to rectify the shortcomings pointed out by the Inspecting team. On the basis of irregularities noticed, the disciplinary action are taken against the delinquent officers/officials.

(d): No. of cases where Departmental action has been initiated by vigilance wing of FCI against the employees for losses and quality related issues detected during the inspections are at Annex.

Annex

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2752 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th MAY, 2016 IN LOK SABHA.

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF NUMBER OF CASES INITIATED AGAINST THE EMPLOYEES OF FCI FOR LOSSES AND QUALITY RELATED ISSUES DURING LAST THREE YEARS.

Zone/State

Year 2013-14

Year 2014-15

Year 2015-16

Major Penalty

Minor Penalty

Total

Major Penalty

Minor Penalty

Total

Major Penalty

Minor Penalty

Total

Punjab

Haryana

Uttrakhand

Jammu & Kashmir

Rajasthan

Himachal Pradesh

```
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
Delhi
0
15
15
0
13
13
0
22
22
Uttar Pradesh
3
45
48
17
46
63
9
29
29
38
Zonal Office (North)
2
0
2
0
0
0
0
0
0
Zonal Office (West)
1
0
1
1
1
2
0
0
0
Maharashtra
1
24
25
0
42
42
1
18
 19
Gujarat
0
10
 10
0
19
 19
0
40
40
Madhya Pradesh
38
```

```
39
20
21
0
64
64
Chhattisgarh
15
197
212
6
108
114
0
59
59
Zonal Office (East)
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
West Bengal
5
6
4
3
7
0
7
7
Bihar
8
19
27
2
17
19
0
19
19
Jharkhand
1
14
15
0
8
8
1
7
8
Odisha
1
30
31
2
14
0
12
12
Zonal Office (NEZ)
0
0
0
```

```
0
0
0
3
...2/-
...2...
Zone/State
Year 2013-14
Year 2014-15
Year 2015-16
Major Penalty
Minor Penalty
Total
Major Penalty
Minor Penalty
Total
Major Penalty
Minor Penalty
Total
Assam
0
0
0
0
1
1
6
1
7
North East Frontier
0
0
0
0
0
0
1
1
Nagaland & Manipur
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
Arunachal Pradesh
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
Andhra Pradesh
17
18
1
20
21
3
17
20
```