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Title: Need to adopt appropriate scientific storage techniques to minimize loss of foodgrains in the country.

SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR (KRISHNAGIRI): The problem of feeding the ever increasing population does not end with increased production of foodgrains. The wastage of foodgrains due to ill-equipped storage system is one of the major problems faced by the country. The rodents, insects and micro organisms make the situation worse. Nearly 10% of the food grains are lost due to the unprotected and unscientific methods of storage.

Millions of tonnes of foodgrains are either damaged or lost every year due to lack of adequate scientific knowledge in storage techniques. Insects of varied kinds attack foodgrains during pre and post harvest stages resulting in the poor quality and yield. It is, therefore, important that the foodgrains should not suffer in quality and quantity.

The pests and micro organisms attack, consume, contaminate food grains and make them unfit for human consumption. It is our prime duty to ensure food security for all and for that it is very essential to stop the wastage of foodgrains.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to take all possible pest control measures and adopt appropriate scientific storage techniques to achieve zero-storage loss of foodgrains in the future.