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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.394

TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022

WASTAGE OF FOOD IN PUBLIC STORAGE FACILITIES

394. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN

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

- (a) the amount of food wasted in public food storage facilities during last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the reasons for the wastage of food in these facilities, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government has taken to reduce such food wastage, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (c): The quantity of foodgrains which got damaged in storage facilities of Food Corporation of India (FCI) during last five years is given at **Annexure I**. The procured foodgrains are stored by FCI in a scientific manner and the damage is negligible in comparison with the quantum of foodgrains handled. The reasons for such damage are rain, flood, cyclone, transit damage etc. Steps taken by Food Corporation of India (FCI) to reduce food wastage is attached at **Annexure-II**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) to (C) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 394 FOR 09.12.2022 REGARDING WASTAGE OF FOOD IN PUBLIC STORAGE FACILITIES**Details of foodgrains damaged in public food storage facilities during last five years****(Quantity in Lakh Metric Tons)**

Year	Accrued quantity of damaged foodgrains	Total Off-take quantity (excluding DCP)*	% of Damaged quantity against Off-take Quantity
2017-18	0.027	452.16	0.006
2018-19	0.052	500.08	0.01
2019-20	0.019	455.13	0.004
2020-21	0.019	688.57	0.003
2021-22	0.017	766.08	0.002

* Decentralized Procurement (DCP).

ANNEXURE- II**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 394 FOR 09.12.2022 REGARDING WASTAGE OF FOOD IN PUBLIC STORAGE FACILITIES.****Steps taken by FCI to safeguard the quality of foodgrains and to prevent wastage of foodgrains:-**

- i. Foodgrains are stored by adopting proper scientific code of storage practices and stored in scientifically built godowns.
- ii. Adequate dunnage materials such as wooden crates, bamboo mats, polythene sheets are used to check migration of moisture from the floor to the foodgrains.
- iii. Fumigation covers, nylon ropes, nets and insecticides for control of stored grain insect pests are provided in all the godowns.
- iv. Prophylactic (spraying of insecticides) and curative treatments (fumigation) are carried out regularly and timely in godowns for the control of stored grain insect pests.
- v. Effective rat control measures are taken and bird infestation is controlled by using door nets.
- vi. Regular periodic inspections of the stocks/godowns are undertaken by qualified and trained staff. The health of the foodgrains is monitored at regular intervals by a system of checks and super checks at different levels.
- vii. The principle of “First in First Out” (FIFO) is followed so as to avoid longer storage of foodgrains in godowns.
- viii. Only covered rail wagons are used for movement of foodgrains so as to avoid damage during transit.
- ix. Damage Monitoring Cells have been set up at District, Regional and Zonal levels to regularly monitor quality of stocks and reduce damages. In case any negligence is reported suitable action is taken against officers / officials found responsible.
- x. Identify & repair all the leakage point in the roof is done periodically.
- xi. Cleaning of drainages in the godown premises ensured.
- xii. Ensure no seepage inside the godowns.
- xiii. No clogging up of water in the premises.
