

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1804
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2026

FOODGRAINS DAMAGED/DESTROYED IN GODOWNS OF FCI

**1804 ADV. CHANDRA SHEKHAR:
SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:**

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

- (a) whether a large quantity of wheat and rice has been damaged or destroyed in the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) due to poor, dilapidated or inadequate storage arrangements, rain, fire, pest infestation and other reasons during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details of the quantity of food grains destroyed along with the estimated economic loss occurred because of this, year and State-wise;
- (c) the number of such cases wherein investigation has been done during the said period;
- (d) the number of officers and employees found guilty of negligence or held responsible in the investigation and the details of the departmental, administrative or punitive action taken against them;
- (e) whether the Government is implementing any time-bound action plan at national level to increase scientific storage capacity for safe storage of foodgrains, to set up modern steel silos in place of conventional godowns and to prevent the wastage of foodgrains; and
- (f) if so, the information in this regard along with the time-frame fixed for implementation of the said plan, State-wise?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) & (b): No central pool foodgrains stocks (rice & wheat) have been damaged due to poor, dilapidated or inadequate storage arrangements in the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI).

The FCI procures, stores and handles huge quantities of foodgrains over long periods for distribution under welfare schemes of Government and for maintaining the buffer and strategic reserve to ensure the food security. Only very negligible quantity of foodgrains accrue as non-issuable/damage mainly due to natural calamities like Cyclone/Flash Flood/Rain etc. The state - wise and year-wise details on the damaged foodgrains along with economic loss reported during last five years is enclosed at **Annexure-A**.

(c) & (d): Every case of damaged foodgrains is investigated by the three tier categorization committee *i.e.* Divisional level, Regional level, Zonal level. 18 employees have been held responsible in the investigations. The disciplinary action have been taken against those found responsible.

(e) & (f): In order to upgrade and modernize the storage infrastructure, the construction of silos across the country has been approved under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Silos at 76 locations with storage capacity of 39.00 LMT have been completed. Moreover, the construction of silos at 59 locations with storage capacity of 25.625 LMT is currently underway.

Further, under Hub & Spoke Phase-II, tender for construction for 25.125 LMT silos at 54 locations under Design, Build, Finance, Own and Operate (DBFOO) mode in 17 bundles/Projects have been awarded. Concession agreement has been signed for 21.25 LMT (48 locations) in 15 bundles/Projects.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1804 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 29.07.2026 IN LOK SABHA

The state -wise and year-wise details on the foodgrains stocks accrued as non-issuable/damaged in FCI godowns along with economic loss reported during last five years are as under:

(Figs. in MTs)

Region	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Bihar	41	22	0	0.56	0
Jharkhand	10	20	24	0	40
Odisha	3	0	9	0.02	0
West Bengal	179	0	0	0.14	9
Assam	7	0	0	0	0
NEF	15	59	0	0	0
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	10.17
Manipur	0	0	0	0	0.58
Delhi	62	13	0	3	1.72
Haryana	0	0	2511	0	0
Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0.006
J & K	261	248	0	0.09	0.82
Punjab	100	264	7746	91	36
Rajasthan	63	136	6	1	2089
Uttar Pradesh	78	47	2	2254	21
Uttarakhand	592	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	28	0	0	2	0
Telangana	0	0	2	485	0
Kerala	92	20	0	19	0
Karnataka	1	0	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	0	0	7	3001	0
Gujarat	21	87	23	13	0.84
Maharashtra	140	713	18	1986	35
Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	2	2
Value in Crore (in Rs)	2.5	2.5	14.5	13.9	3.2
