

(c) During the year 2009-10, 64 persons lost their lives and 238 persons suffered injuries in the above 100 consequential accidents. During the year 2010-11 (upto 26th July), 2 persons were killed and 19 injured in accidents excluding cases of trespassing by road users at unmanned level crossings. This figure does not include casualties in following three unfortunate incidents:

(i) In the incident of derailment and collision of Jnaneshwari Express on 28.05.2010 in Kharagpur Division due to sabotage, 150 persons lost their lives and 165 were injured.

(ii) One person died and 20 were injured due to derailment of Guwahati Kolkata Garib Rath on 08.07.2010 in Kokrajhar district of Assam due to sabotage.

(iii) 65 persons lost their lives and 91 were injured in the incident of rear-end collision of Uttar Banga Express with Varanahal Express on 19.07.2010 at Sainthia station, which is under investigation from all possible angles.

Storage facilities for foodgrains

*188. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently admitted that lack of adequate and proper storage facilities is resulting in rotting and wastage of foodgrains;

(b) if so, whether the existing infrastructure in most of the godowns is not up to the mark for storing foodgrains;

(c) if so, the remedial measures Government proposes to take in this regard; and

(d) the estimated annual loss of foodgrains due to lack of storage facilities?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) There has been a shortage of storage space. Against the availability of about 425 lakh tonnes of covered storage space and 176 lakh tonnes in Cover and Plinth (CAP) available with FCI and State Agencies, the stock of foodgrains in the Central as on 1st July, 2010 was 578.50 lakh tonnes.

Damage to the stocks can be caused by rain, floods, cyclone, rodents and pests and fungus infestation of stocks. Details of damaged stocks for the last three years and current year and their value is given in Statement-A

To augment availability of storage capacity, Government has formulated a scheme for construction of godowns through private entrepreneurs by FCI. A seven year guarantee was given to the investors, which has now been increased to 10 years under the scheme. About 134 lakh tonnes of storage capacity in 16 States has been identified for construction of godowns under the scheme. Details of the same are given in the Statement-B (See below). Under this scheme, CWC and SWCs are also constructing 10.74 lakh tonnes capacity on their own lands.

A proposal has been formulated for creation of 5.25 lakh tonnes of additional storage capacity in the North-Eastern States.

Other preventive measure taken up the Government for the proper and safe storage of foodgrains are given in Statement-C.

Statement-A

Value of Damaged Stock of FCI accrued in last four years

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Quantity Accrued as Non-issuable	0.25	0.34	0.20*	0.07*
Value (in Rs. Crores)	16.43	22.33	13.03	3.63
%age of Non Issuable stock	0.034	0.045	0.022	0.008

* Unaudited figures.

During 2010-11 (upto 31.07.2010), 11,827 MT stock valuing Rs.6.91 crore got damaged.

Statement-B

Storage Capacity for construction of godowns under Guaranteed Scheme approved by the High Level Committee of FCI

Name of the State	Total Storage capacity finalized (tonnes)
1	2
Kerala	15,000
Karnataka	2,05,000
Andhra Pradesh	2,27,000

1	2
Tamil Nadu	3,45,000
Maharashtra	99,500
Chhattisgarh	5,000
Gujarat	45,000
West Bengal	5,000
West Bengal (DOP)	1,51,600
Jharkhand	1,75,000
Bihar	3,00,000
Haryana	38,80,000
Punjab	71,25,000
Himachal Pradesh	1,42,550
Jammu & Kashmir	3,61,690
Uttarakhand	25,000
Orissa (DOP)	3,00,000
TOTAL :	1,34,07,340

Statement-C

Preventive measures taken for the proper and safe storage of foodgrains :

- (i) All FCI godowns are constructed as per specifications and food grains are stored by adopting scientific storage practices.
- (ii) Adequate dunnage materials, fumigation covers and chemicals are provided in all the godowns.
- (iii) Prophylactic and curative treatments are carried out regularly and timely for the control of stored grain insect pests and rodents.
- (iv) Food grains in 'Cover and Plinth' (CAP) stored on elevated plinths and wooden crates are used as dunnage material. Stacks are properly covered with specifically fabricated low-density black polythene water proof covers and tied with nylon ropes/nets.

- (v) Regular inspections of the stocks/ godowns are undertaken by qualified and trained staff of FCI.
- (vi) The principle of "First-In-First-Out" (FIFO) is followed so as to avoid longer storage of food grains in godowns.

Increase in Maoist attacks on railways

* 189. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that incidents of Maoist attack on Railways are increasing;
- (b) if so, the number of incidents that took place in the last two years;
- (c) the areas where the incidents have taken place mostly; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The incidents of Maoists attack on Railways have increased. The number of incidents reported during the last two years are given below:-

Year	No. of incidents of Maoist attack on Railways
2008	30
2009	60

- (c) The areas where the incidents have taken place mostly are given as under:-

Area	State	Railway	Division
1	2	3	4
Kharagpur - Tatanagar	West Bengal	South Eastern	Kharagpur
Purulia - Chandil	Jharkhand		Adra
Bimlagarh - Kiriburu	Orissa		Chakradharpur
Midnapur - Bankura			
Chakradharpur - Rourkela			