

availability of foodgrains in the central pool and past offtake. Presently, the allocation of foodgrains to APL families ranges between 10 kg. and 35 kg. per family per month.

The Department releases food subsidy to only those State Governments which are undertaking decentralized procurement in their respective States. It is released on the basis of actual offtake of foodgrains under TPDS and Other Welfare Schemes and submission of utilization certificate in respect of amount released earlier in each quarter on provisional basis amounting to 95% of their respective admissible claims. 5% of remaining admissible claims is released on submission of audited accounts by State Governments.

Public Distribution System (Control) Order 2001 mandates the State and UT Governments to carry out all required action to ensure smooth functioning of TPDS.

Monitoring of TPDS is a continuous process. To improve functioning of TPDS, Government has been regularly requesting State/UT Governments for continuous review of lists of BPL and AAY families, ensuring timely availability of foodgrains at FPSs, ensuring greater transparency in functioning of TPDS, improved monitoring and vigilance at various levels and introduction of new technologies such as Computerization of TPDS operations at various levels. In the Conference of Food Secretaries of States and UTs on Best Practices and Reforms in TPDS held on 12th & 13th July, 2010, the above directions have been reiterated.

#### **Wastage of foodgrains**

2923. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of storage of foodgrains, pulses and oil seeds across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of foodgrains procured from farmers during last three years;
- (d) the details of foodgrains rotted/ wasted due to rain/floods during last three years; and

- (e) the action taken by Government to avoid wastage of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) There is a shortage of covered godowns for the storage of foodgrains in the country, against stock of 544.30 lakh tonnes foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 1st August, 2010, the covered space available with FCI and State agencies was 426.37 lakh tonnes. However, wherever there is shortage of covered space, stocks are kept in scientific Cover and Plinth (CAP).

- (b) The State wise details given in the statement (see below).

- (c) The details of procurement of foodgrains during the last three years are as under:-

Wheat			Figures in Lakh MTs		
Year (RMS)		Quantity			
2008-09		226.89			
2009-10		253.82			
2010-11		225.25 (as on 31.07.2010)			
Rice					
Year (KMS)		Quantity			
2007-08		287.36			
2008-09		336.84			
2009-10		304.27 (as on 16.8.2010)			
Coarse-grains					
Year	Jowar	Bajra	Maize	Ragi	Total
2007-08	0.01	1.24	0.68	0.11	2.04
2008-09	0.52	3.18	9.94	0.12	13.76
2009-10 (as on 13.08.10)	0.006	0.77	3.28	0.003	4.06

(d) The details of foodgrains that has become non-issuable in the FCI godowns during the last three years are given in the statement-II (see below).

(e) The Government has taken following steps to avoid wastage of foodgrains:

- (i) Adequate dunnage material, covers and chemicals are provided in all the godowns.
- (ii) Prophylactic and curative treatments are carried out regularly and timely for the control of insects pests and rodents.
- (iii) Food grains stored in 'Cover and Plinth' (CAP) are on elevated plinths and wooden crates are used as dunnage material. Stacks are properly covered with black polythene water proof covers and tied with nylon ropes/nets.
- (iv) Regular inspections of the stocks/ godowns are undertaken by qualified and trained staff of FCI.
- (v) The principle of "First-In-First-Out" (FIFO) is followed so as to avoid longer storage of food grains in godowns.

***Statement-I***

*Covered capacity/stock with FCI and State Agencies as on 1.08.2010*

Figure in lakh tonnes

FCI Region	Capacity with FCI	Stock with FCI	Capacity with State agencies (as on 31.3.10)	Stock with State agencies	Overall shortfall of capacity
1	2	3	4	5	6
Andhra Pradesh (including Andaman & Nicobar)	39.05	42.67	6.03	0.01	-2.40
Arunachal Pradesh	0.21	0.01	0.05	0.00	-0.25
Assam	2.82	1.80	0.40	0.00	-1.42
Bihar	5.77	3.95	6.30	2.07	-6.05
Chhatisgarh	8.62	7.36	9.42	7.48	-3.20

1	2	3	4	5	6
Delhi	3.36	2.70	0.04	0.00	-0.70
Gujarat	6.61	6.33	2.47	0.00	-2.75
Haryana	22.67	25.33	19.78	64.41	47.29
Himachal Pradesh	0.26	0.24	0.56	0.00	-0.58
J&K	1.31	0.68	1.12	0.00	-1.75
Jharkhand	1.22	0.90	0.02	0.00	-0.34
Karnataka	7.29	8.26	2.70	0.10	-1.63
Kerela	5.17	3.84	1.46	0.31	-2.48
Madhya Pradesh	9.64	8.68	22.16	32.46	9.34
Maharashtra (including Goa)	19.70	15.47	10.67	1.34	-13.56
Manipur	0.20	0.03	0.20	0.00	-0.37
Meghalya	0.26	0.11	0.06	0.00	-0.21
Mizoram	0.23	0.03	0.56	0.00	-0.76
Nagaland	0.33	0.25	0.06	0.00	-0.14
Orissa	6.41	4.19	3.78	13.14	7.14
Punjab (including Chandigarh)	72.39	76.77	24.17	124.46	104.67
Rajasthan	15.16	20.53	2.25	0.00	3.12
Tamil Nadu (including Pondichery)	9.77	8.57	6.51	6.59	-1.12
Tripura	0.52	0.22	0.39	0.00	-0.69
Uttar Pradesh	23.49	20.73	26.16	19.75	-9.17
Uttarakhand	2.03	2.15	0.20	0.48	0.40
West Bengal (including Sikkim)	10.69	8.11	3.67	1.79	-4.46
Total	275.18	269.91	151.19	274.39	117.93

(-) Excess covered capacity

(+) Shortfall in covered capacity

**Statement-II**

*The details of foodgrains become non-issuable in the FCI godowns during the last three years*

Zone	Sl.No.	Region	2007-08			2008-09			2009-10			2010-11			Total
			Wheat	Rice	Paddy	Wheat	Rice	Paddy	Wheat	Rice	Paddy	Wheat	Rice	Paddy	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
East	1	Bihar	406	319	0	10	1	0	275	29	43	0	30	0	1113
	2	Jharkhand	0	0	0	1.492	0	0	0	3.47	0	0	0	0	4.962
	3	Orissa	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
	4	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.7	0	0	21.7
N.E.	5	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	6	Nef	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
	7	N&M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	8	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	9	Haryana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	10	H.P.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
North	11	J&K	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	12	Punjab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	13	Rajasthan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8.56	0	0	8.56
	14	Uttar Pd.	3.3	0.3	0	32.3	0	0	0	0	0	130	0	0	165.9
	15	Uttranchal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	16	Andhra Pd.	0	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	136
South	17	Kerala	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	18	Karnataka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	19	Tamilnadu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	20	Gujarat	148	0	0	591	0	0	671	0	0	0	0	0	1410
West	21	Maharashtra	2	12	401	0	1	0	98	17	0	8.8	0	0	539.8
	22	Madhya Pd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	23	Chhatisgarh	0	0	486	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	486
GRAND TOTAL			559.3	466	887	718.8	31	0	1044	49.5	43	169.1	31	0	3998.922