

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.

(c) to (e) With a view to specifically target poor sections of society for distribution of subsidized foodgrains (rice, wheat & coarse grains) and sugar, Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is presently under implementation. There is no plan to restore Universal Public Distribution System.

Further, procurement of huge quantities of wheat and rice to meet the requirement of Universal Public Distribution System, would result in lower availability of foodgrains in the market, leading to rise in open market prices. If the same quantity of foodgrains is distributed equally among all, then the scale of issue will have to be reduced.

Besides, in order to manage the level of food subsidy, the issue prices of rice and wheat may have to be increased substantially from the present Central Issue Prices (CIPs). This would mean that BPL and AAY families would get much reduced scale of issue and also have to pay higher CIPs.

#### **Rottening of foodgrains**

2925. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that 61,000 tonnes of foodgrains had rotten in its granaries as it was kept with poor protection for too long;

(b) if so, the details, State-wise where the foodgrains are being kept in open under tarpaulins cover which is not a good weather-proof material;

(c) the details, State-wise, where the foodgrains were spoiled due to rains and other reasons;

(d) the details of estimated loss incurred to the exchequer due to the negligence of FCI staff; and

(e) the steps Government intend to take against the FCI officials found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (e) As all Central Pool foodgrains cannot be stored in covered godowns by FCI and State Government agencies due to shortage of such covered storage space, some quantities of foodgrain stocks are also stored in cover and plinth (CAP) storage. Storage in CAP is on scientific lines and precautionary measures are to be taken to preserve the stocks by periodic prophylactic and curative treatment as per guidelines. State-wise details of wheat stocks stored in CAP are given in the Statement-I (See below).

As on 01.07.2010 a total quantity of 11708 tons of damaged/non-issuable foodgrains was there in godowns of FCI. Details of region-wise commodity-wise stock position of these damaged/non-issuable foodgrains in FCI depots and damage to wheat stocks by rains and floods during recent rains in various States are given in the Statement-II (See below). Based on acquisition cost and likely sale price of damaged wheat and rice quantified so far, the loss works out to Rs. 21.14 lakhs.

Foodgrain stock get damaged to various reasons such as storage pests attack, leakages in godowns, procurement of poor quality stocks, spillage during movement and handling of stocks, exposure to rains, floods, negligence on the part of concerned persons, etc.

After enquiry in each case of damage to stocks of foodgrains of FCI and State agencies, responsibility is to be fixed and action taken for recovery of losses. Meanwhile, FCI has initiated action for damages at Hapur, Orai and Harduaganj depots, including suspension of eight officers.

**Statement-I**

*State-wise details of wheat stocks stored in CAP*

*As on 1.7.2010*

(figures in MTs)

Sl.No.	Name of State	Stock with FCI	Stock with State Agency	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Punjab	752441	9049040	9801481
2.	Delhi	32799	Nil	32799

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Gujarat	41306	Nil	41306
4.	Haryana	332221	5443003	5775224
5.	Uttarakhand	12151	4800	16951
6.	Rajasthan	526370	Nil	526370
7.	Tamilnadu	59570	Nil	59570
8.	Maharashtra	81232	Nil	81232
9.	Madhya Pradesh	37669	Nil	37669
10.	Uttar Pradesh	187107	Nil	187107
11.	Karnataka	131417	Nil	131417
12.	Andhra Pradesh	93492	Nil	93492
13.	Bihar	2867	Nil	2867
14.	West Bengal	17817	Nil	17817
TOTAL		2308459	14496843	16805302

**Statement-II**

*(A) Region-wise commodity wise stock position of damaged/non-issueable foodgrains in FCI depots as reported by FCI.*

As on 01.07.2010

(Qty. in tons)

Name of the Region	Wheat	Rice	Paddy	Total	Value (in Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Bihar	360	71	54	485	2314195
Jharkhand	13	4	0	17	84375
Orissa	0	0	0	0	0
West Bengal	364	1482	0	1846	10890750

1	2	3	4	5	6
Assam/Arunachal	0	159	0	159	989775
NEF (Megh./Mizo/T.Pura)	0	139	0	139	865275
Nagaland & Manipur	0	0	0	0	0
Delhi	0	0	0	0	0
Haryana	0	0	0	0	0
Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
Jammu & Kashmir	0	11	0	11	68475
Punjab	52	7014	0	7066	43900050
Rajasthan	12	0	0	12	54900
Uttar Pradesh	40	8	0	48	232800
Uttarakhand	0	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	0	6	0	6	37350
Kerala	8	43	0	51	304275
Karnataka	0	31	0	31	192975
Tamil Nadu	1	0	0	1	4575
Gujarat	1396	61	0	1457	6766425
Maharashtra	182	96	0	278	1430250
Madhya Pradesh	56	16	0	72	355800
Chhattisgarh	2	0	27	29	121760
TOTAL	2486	9141	81	11708	68614005

Non-issuable wheat stock with State Agencies reported by Regional Offices of FCI as on 01.07.10

Punjab: 54260 tons

Haryana: 1574 tons

*(B) Details of FCI depots and storage centres of State Government agencies where the damages have taken place due to recent rains and flood reported by FCI on 18.8.2010.*

States	Depots	Damaged wheat (tons)
Uttar Pradesh	Hapur	9.3
	Harduaganj	90
	Orai, Jalaun	0.5
	Saharanpur, CWC, Bamanheri	29.2
	CWC, Saharanpur, Pilkhani	1.0
	Roza, Shahjahanpur	Damage yet to be quantified
	Chanderi, Kanpur	Damage yet to be quantified
Rajasthan	Udaipur, rail head	8.56
Haryana	Hafed, Ambala	40
	HSWC, Bani, Sirsa	Damage yet to be quantified
	CAP Complex	Damage yet to be quantified
	Ismailabad, Kurukshetra	Damage yet to be quantified
	Food & Supply, Jundla	
Punjab	CAP complex Khonuri,	Damage yet to be quantified
	Sangrur	Damage yet to be quantified
	3 Punjab Agro CAP Complexes, Sangrur	
	Pungrain	Damage yet to be quantified
	Talwandi, Ferozepaur	Damage yet to be quantified
	Markfed CAP	
	Copmplex, Zira,	Damage yet to be quantified
	Ferozepur	
	2 Punjab Agro CAP Complex, Ferozepur	
Uttarakhand	SWC Gadarapur, Udham Singh Nagar	Damage yet to be quantified
Maharashtra	FCI Karad	8
	FCI Gondia	0.8
West Bengal	FSD, Chinsura	7
	FSD, Dankuni	14.62
	FSD, Midnapur	0.08

In addition, FCI has also reported damage to 30.18 tons of rice in four depots in Bihar and 1 ton of rice in one depot in Andhra Pradesh.