

stockholding and turnover limits on sugar dealers, stockholding limit on bulk consumers of sugar, etc. Besides, the Forward Markets Commission have suspended futures trading in sugar upto September, 2010 in domestic market. Consequently, sugar prices have decreased significantly from its peak and are now stable in the domestic market.

Non-storage of wheat on time

2932. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that thousands of tonnes of wheat have spoiled recently due to non-storage of wheat on time in godowns of Food Corporation of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has got the investigation carried out in this matter; and
- (d) if so, the outcome of the investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Some quantities of foodgrains viz. wheat are also stored by FCI in cover and plinth (CAP) storage due to shortage of covered storage space. Damage to wheat stocks with FCI and State agencies by recent rains and flood has been reported in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra and West Bengal as under:-

States	Depots	Damaged wheat (tons)
1	2	3
	Hapur	9.3
Uttar Pradesh	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

1	2	3
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	
	Food & Supply, Jundla	Damage yet to be quantified
Punjab	CAP complex	Damage yet to be quantified
	Khonuri, Sangrur	
	3 Punjab Agro CAP Complexes, Sangrur	Damage yet to be quantified
	Pungrain	Damage yet to be quantified
	Talwandi, Ferozepur	Damage yet to be quantified
	Markfed CAP Complex, Zira, Ferozepur	
	2 Punjab Agro CAP Complex, Ferozepur	Damage yet to be quantified
Uttarakhand	SWC Gadarpur, 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

Above damages to wheat stocks have taken place due to failure in taking required precautionary measures by the concerned officers of FCI and other agencies except at Bani in Haryana where the damage has been due to flood.

(c) and (d) A team from Department of Food & Public Distribution was deputed to inspect storage situation of foodgrains in FCI Depots at Hapur (Ghaziabad), Orai (Jalaun) and Harduaganj (Aligarh) in Uttar Pradesh. The team has observed damage to wheat stocks at these depots.

Subsequently, Central teams have also inspected storage situation of wheat in two districts each in Punjab and Haryana. The teams noticed damages to foodgrain stocks due to flood/rains at

Bani in Sirsa district and Ismailabad in Kurukshetra district, Haryana and at four storage centres in Sangrur district and four storage centres in Ferozpur district of Punjab.

Based on report of the team on Hapur, Orai and Harduaganj depots, FCI has been asked to take immediate further action. For the damages at Hapur, Orai and Harduaganj depots in U.P., FCI has initiated action including suspension of 8 officers. Exact quantities of the damaged stocks at remaining depots/CAP complexes are being worked out. After detailed enquiry in each case, FCI and concerned State agencies are to fix responsibility and recover the losses.

Fertilizer stock in States

2933. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fertilizer stocks gain momentum ahead of rains in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the present position compared to the last 5 years State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) Urea is the only fertilizer under partial movement, distribution and statutory price control of Government of India. It is imported for direct agriculture use on Government account through State Trading Enterprises (STEs) *i.e.* MMTTC, STC and IPL. The gap between the assessed requirement and indigenous production of Urea is met through imports. All other fertilizers *viz.* DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled/ de-canalized since 1992 and are imported under Open General Licence (OGL). The companies import these fertilizers as per the requirement projected by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. Government is paying subsidy on these fertilizers under Nutrient Based Subsidy policy. Union Government monitors availability of fertilizers at State level and State Governments are responsible for further distribution within the State.

The State-wise requirement (demand), availability and sales of fertilizers including Andhra Pradesh during the year 2006-07 to 2010-11 given in the Statement (*See below*). As can be seen, supply (availability) of Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK in all States including Andhra Pradesh during current Kharif 10 (April '10 to July '10) has been adequate.