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4.	Maharashtra	18.00
5.	Gujarat	280.00
6.	West Bengal	21.70
TOTAL :		467.81

In addition, 0.52 tons of rice got damaged at railhead in Bihar .

(c) to (e) Government has taken up construction of covered storage capacity of 1.388 lakh tons during Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) with Food Corporation of India. Besides, additional storage capacity of 150 lakh tons has also been planned through private sector participation.

#### **India's rank in Global Hunger Index**

509. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI:

SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 2010 Global Hunger Index Report has recently been released by International Food Policy Research Institute;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that India ranked lower than Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and China in the hunger index;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India slipped from 65th position last year to 67th position this year despite good economic growth; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) has released 2010 Global Hunger Index (GHI) Report in October, 2010. The index is a combined measure of undernourishment, child malnutrition and child mortality. The index ranks countries on a 100-point scale, with 0 being the best score (no hunger) and 100 being the worst. In this report, India ranks 67th among 84 developing countries while its ranking was 65th among 84 developing countries in 2009 GHI Report.

In the GHI report, 2010, the Global Hunger Index score for India is 24.1 while the same index scores are 20 for Nepal, 19.1 for Pakistan, 14.5 for Sri Lanka and 6.0 for China indicating that India's rank is higher than these countries.

The GHI Report, 2010 does not reflect impact of the latest economic events. Further, child mortality and incidence of underweight in children are not necessarily as a result of only hunger. Since the data in this Index are of 2003-08, they do not reflect India's latest performance. Also as informed by IFPRI, the 2010 and 2009 Global Hunger Index rankings are not directly comparable due to slight revisions in the underlying data.

**Rotting of rice due to seepage in FCI godowns**

†510. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:  
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) whether Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has expressed sorrow over rotting of rice of the value of Rs. 450 crore due to seepage in Food Corporation of India's godowns during the period from 2003 to 2008;

(b) whether it is also a fact that storage loss is higher in Punjab as compared to Haryana, if so, the quantity thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the storage loss owing to seepage; and

(d) whether Government would also try to ascertain that storage loss is actual or there is some other reason behind it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in its Report no. 9 of 2009-10 at para no. 6.1.2, had observed that Storage loss in rice observed during the period 2003-04 to 2007-08 in Punjab Region as compared to Haryana Region was in excess by 3.23 Lakh MT valued at Rs. 450.65 crore. The year-wise details of storage loss in respect Punjab and Haryana region from 2003-04 to 2007-08 is given in Statement (*See below*).

(c) The following steps/measures are taken to ensure safe storage of foodgrains to avoid damages to the foodgrains:—

- (i) Foodgrains are stored only in scientifically built godowns.
- (ii) The CAP stocks are stored on elevated plinths and wooden crates are used as dunnage material. The CAP stocks are properly covered with polythene covers and tied with nylon ropes. The CAP stocks are regularly aerated to bring down the moisture content.
- (iii) A number of preventive steps are carried out for the safe storage of foodgrains like

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.