

#### **Wastage of wheat**

2806. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that huge quantity of wheat worth crores of rupees has been found lying unclaimed recently on the railway track near Naini of Allahabad;

(b) whether it is a fact that nearly 300 farmers have died in Bundelkhand region due to indebtedness and other reasons; and

(c) whether wastage of foodgrains is a criminal act and if so, the reasons for not filing FIRs against the persons responsible for such wastage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) As informed by FCI, a rake containing 65,803 bags of wheat was received at Railhead Naini between 15.7.2011 and 18.7.2011. Due to rains as well as spillage from cut and torn gunnies, bags got affected as Naini Railhead has no covered sheds. The entire stock of wheat has been transported to CWC godowns at Naini. Thus, no stock of wheat is lying unclaimed at Naini Railhead.

(b) No such deaths have been reported to the Ministry.

(c) FCI has informed that incidence of each case of damage to foodgrain is examined and appropriate disciplinary action is taken against the delinquents invariably.

#### **Wastage of wheat in Rajasthan**

†2807. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details indicating the quantity of wheat spoiled in Rajasthan at different places during the last two years for lack of storage facilities, location-wise; and

(b) the person responsible for it and the details of action taken by Government against them till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) As reported by Food Corporation of India, there is no damaged wheat on account of lack of storage capacity in Rajasthan during last two years.

#### **Prices of vegetables and fruits**

†2808. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

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