

Storage of sugar

1288. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of sugar produced during the last year;
- (b) the quantum of sugar stacked in FCI godowns;
- (c) the quantum of sugar lying in the open because of paucity of godowns; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken to protect the sugar laying in the open?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS): (a) Production of Sugar during last sugar season 2010-11 (October-September) was 243.50 lac tons (Provisional).

(b) A quantity of 0.261 lakh MTs of sugar was available with FCI as on 01.03.2012, out of which 0.08 lakh MTs of sugar was under transit.

- (c) Sugar is not stored in the open storage.
- (d) Does not arise.

Black marketing in TPDS

1289. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM:
SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA:

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

- (a) whether a Conference of Food Ministers and Agriculture Ministers of the States and UTs was held on 8th and 9th February, 2012 in Delhi on the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Storage;
- (b) the details of discussions held and the decision taken to check black marketing of PDS items and the steps taken to create more storing space to check damaging of foodgrains; and
- (c) the quantum of foodgrains stored in the open by FCI and how much of it was damaged during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) A two day Conference on Targeted Public Distribution System and Storage with Food and Agriculture Ministers and Secretaries of States/UTs was held on 8th and 9th February, 2012 at New Delhi.

The Conference discussed regarding expeditious action to be taken by States towards Computerisation of PDS as a mean to bring transparency in the functioning of PDS and reduce the incidences of leakages/diversion, black-marketing, etc. of PDS

commodities. After detailed deliberations, timelines for accomplishing specific milestones for Computerisation of PDS were recommended.

The Conference also reviewed the progress relating to creation of storage capacity and time-bound completion of ongoing projects with a view to enhance the storage capacity and avoid damage to stored foodgrains.

The proceeding and draft recommendations of the Conference are in the process of finalization

(c) The quantity of wheat stored in Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage during last three years in Food Corporation of India (FCI) is given as below:

(Figures in LMTs)

Year	Wheat
As on 1-03-2010	9.23
As on 1-03-2011	9.47
As on 1-03-2012	12.54

The details of foodgrains accrued damaged in CAP during last three years are given in Statement.

Statement

Region-wise quantity of foodgrains damaged due to storing in CAP of FCI during last three years w.e.f. 2009-10 to 2011-12

(Fig. in MTs)

Sl.No.	Region	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (upto Jan.' 2011)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Bihar	0	0	0
2.	Jharkhand	0	0	0
3.	Odisha	0	0	0
4.	West Bengal	0	0	0
5.	Assam	0	0	0
6.	NEP	0	0	0
7.	N and M	0	0	0
8.	Delhi	0	0	0
9.	Haryana	0	0	0
10.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	0	0	0

1	2	3	4	5
12.	Punjab	0	0	0
13.	Rajasthan	0	0	0
14.	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0
15.	Uttarakhand	0	0	0
16.	A.P.	0	0	0
17.	Kerala	0	0	0
18.	Karnataka	0	0	0
19.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0
20.	Gujarat	671	137	195
21.	Maharashtra	45	21	1346
22.	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0
23.	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0
TOTAL		716	158	1541

Computerisation of ration system

1290. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

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

(a) whether Government has started computerisation of ration system along with ration cards;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of funds allocated for this purpose, State-wise;

(c) whether three crore fake ration cards have been detected during computerisation;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the details of other steps taken to weed out bogus ration cards and to streamline Public Distribution System?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) All States/UTs have been requested to undertake *end-to-end* Computerization of Public Distribution System (PDS) on priority basis and to prepare a time-bound Action Plan for Computerization of PDS.