

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD) : (a) The total value of commodities imported during each of the last three years in dollar terms are given below :

Year	Value (in million \$)
2000-2001	50,536
2001-2002	50,746
2002-2003	59,387*

*provisional figure

(b) and (c) The Government have liberalised foreign trade policy over the years adapting to the changing world economic scenario, harmonising with WTO commitments. However, all policy measures and encouragement are extended to increase the indigenous production and manufacture of commodities of international quality.

Commodities for BPL People in Jharkhand

†5000. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of families being provided with wheat, rice and sugar under the Public Distribution System, State-wise;

(b) whether all the families living below poverty line in Jharkhand have been included under this system; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of luster lost wheat

†5001. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI :

SHRI AMAR SINGH :

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

(a) the quantity of 'luster lost' wheat damaged by rain available in the godowns of FCI;

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(b) whether Government had decided to export this damaged wheat as animal feed to South Korea, Malaysia and Philippines and if so, at what rate;

(c) the details of the quantity exported to those countries so far; and

(d) if answer to part (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA) : (a) Food Corporation of India has reported that no luster lost wheat, damaged by rain, is available in their godowns.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Foodgrains stored in open godowns

5002. SHRI MURLI DEORA : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of foodgrains stored in open godowns during the last four years, year-wise;

(b) the percentage which became unfit for human consumption;

(c) the quantity which was pilfered; and

(d) the reasons for not utilising the old stock before the arrival of new crops and the loss caused as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA) : (a) The quantity of foodgrains stored by the FCI in open godowns termed as CAP (Cover and Plinth) during the last 4 years i.e. 1999-2000 to 2002-2003 in the months of June and November each year is given in the enclosed Statement (*See below*). Generally the quantity of wheat stored in CAP storage is maximum during June while that of paddy is maximum during November.