

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2108  
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PROPER STORAGE OF WHEAT  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantum of wheat procured during the current season, State-wise;
- (b) the arrangements for proper and safe storage of wheat procured during the current season; and
- (c) the quantum of wheat that got moistened due to rains during the current season?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): The State-wise procurement of wheat in Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2007-08 is given below:

(In lakh tonnes)  
STATE/U.T. Actual Procurement

Punjab	67.57
Haryana	33.46
Uttar Pradesh	5.49
Madhya Pradesh	0.57
Bihar	0.08
Rajasthan	3.84
Uttarakhand	0.02
Others	0.01

Total 111.04

(b): Instructions for storage of wheat in Covered and Plinth (CAP) and precautions to be taken to avoid damage to foodgrains by rain water are contained in the Quality Control Manual of FCI which are reiterated from time to time. All necessary arrangements were made before the start of RMS 2007-08 to protect the purchased wheat from damage due to rain.

(c): FCI has informed on 23.8.2007 that so far a negligible quantity of 35 MT foodgrain has been reported as damaged due to rain in RMS 2007-08. It has also been reported from Bihar region that flood water has entered into its depot at Darbhanga due to heavy rain/flood. No assessment of loss/damage has been made yet.