

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

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

- (a) the quantum and details of foodgrains shortage discovered in FCI godowns during 1997-98 to 1999-2000;
- (b) the reasons for the shortages; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken for recovering the shortages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The details of foodgrains shortage in FCI godowns during 1997-98 to 1999-2000 is as under:-

Year	Qty. issued	Qty. of loss	Value	%age
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WHEAT

1997-98	184.02	-0.12	-9.41	-0.07
1998-99	199.96	-0.18	12.13	-0.09
1999-2000	234.66	-0.37	-26.27	-0.16

RICE

1997-98	233.72	1.52	114.57	0.65
1998-99	244.84	2.02	160.88	0.83
1999-2000	239.82	1.61	141.35	0.67

PADDY

1997-98	16.38	0.38	25.78	2.32
1998-99	13.33	0.57	46.48	4.28
1999-2000	24.19	0.48	42.17	1.98

Note: (-) denote storage gain.

(b): Losses occur in foodgrain storage due to driage of moisture, multiple handling, long duration of storage, bird/rodent menace, weevling due to insects, theft, etc.

(c): Each and every case of shortage is investigated and wherever the losses are found to have occurred on account of misappropriation, manipulation, pilferage, negligence etc. disciplinary action is initiated under the Staff Regulations/Vigilance procedures to fix responsibility and for recovery.

