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MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
ARRANGEMENTS FOR STORING FOODGRAINS

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

- (a) whether in wake of good monsoon this season, Government expects record production of foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has made sufficient arrangements to create more space for storing the foodgrains; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

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(a)&(b): Due to good monsoon this year, better production of foodgrains is expected as per the 1st advance estimates for 2010-11 (Kharif) of 1146.347 lakh tonnes as compared to the 4th advance estimates, 2009-10 (Kharif) of 1038.483 lakh tonnes.

(c)& (d): To create additional storage capacity, the Government has formulated a scheme for construction of storage godowns through private entrepreneurs. Under the scheme, the Food Corporation of India would now give a guarantee of ten years for assured hiring. A capacity of about 150 lakh tonnes is to be created under the scheme through private entrepreneurs and Central and State Warehousing Corporations in 19 States. Out of the capacities sanctioned tenders have been invited in 15 States and so far offers have been received for 103 lakh tonnes. CWC and SWCs are constructing about 17 lakh tonnes on their own lands under the Scheme. Out of this, 0.97 lakh tonnes has already been completed. Further, in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the Planning Commission has sanctioned Rs. 149 crores for construction of storage godowns by FCI and the State Governments to which funds are released as grants-in-aid. This is would result in the construction of about 1.88 lakh tonnes of storage capacity. The General Managers (Region) of FCI have also been given full powers for hiring of private godowns for short term usage.