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ANSWERED ON
INADEQUATE STORAGE FACILITY WITH FCI .

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to non availability of adequate storage facility with the FCI, foodgrains are kept in the open with the result that huge quantity of foodgrains so kept get spoiled every year;
- (b) if so, the quantum of foodgrains so spoiled during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to build adequate storage facility in the country?

ANSWER

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(a)& (b): The total storage capacity available (owned / hired) with FCI as on 15.10.2010 is 306.84 Lakh tonnes out of which covered capacity is 275.30 Lakh tonnes and the Cover and Plinth (CAP) capacity is 31.54 Lakh tonnes. Due to the shortage of covered storage facilities with FCI, foodgrains are stored in CAP for which there is a code of practice for scientific storage of foodgrains in CAP.

The following quantity of foodgrains have accrued as damaged in CAP storage in FCI during the last three years as under:

Year Quantity damaged (in MTs 2007-08 147 2008-09 623 2009-10 716

(c): 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 and 3.08 lakh tonnes is likely to be completed by March, 2011. 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 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.