

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 27.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
STORAGE CAPACITY OF FOODGRAINS .

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

- (a) whether storage capacity of foodgrains is falling short; and
- (b) the details of production and storage capacity of rice and wheat this year?

ANSWER

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MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Sir. As on 31.10.09 the FCI is having a total storage capacity of 278.59 lakh MT and the total stock held by FCI is 214.46 lakh MT. If wheat procurement in RMS 2010-11 follows the trend of procurement in RMS 2009-10, the present storage capacity may not be adequate to store foodgrains.

(b): As per the Fourth Advance Estimates, the production of wheat in 2008-09 (marketed in RMS 2009-10) has been 805.53 lakh tonnes. The production of rice in RMS 2009-10 as per First Advance Estimates is estimated to be 694.5 lakh tonnes. The details of storage capacity available with FCI as on 31.10.2009 are at Annexure.