

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
FCI GODOWNS .

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

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(a) the number of godowns including open godowns owned by FCI in different States; and

(b) whether these godowns meet our requirements and if not, how Government proposes to meet the shortage?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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(a): The statement showing region-wise / state-wise number of godowns with FCI both owned and hired from different agencies including Covered and Cover and Plinth (CAP) as on 30.9.2010 is given at Annexure-I.

b) : To substantially reduce CAP storage capacity, the Government has formulated a Guarantee Scheme for construction of godowns for FCI as well as for the States undertaking Decentralized Procurement of foodgrains, through private entrepreneurs, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs). For the consuming areas, storage capacity is to be created to meet four month's requirement of Public Distribution System (PDS) and other Welfare Schemes in a State. For the procurement areas, the highest stock levels in the last three years are considered to decide the storage capacity required. Approval has been given for creation of covered storage capacity of about 150 lakh tonnes under the scheme through private entrepreneurs, CWC and SWCs in 19 States. Out of this tenders have already been finalized for 16.06 lakh tonnes so far, for creation of capacity by the private entrepreneurs. CWC and SWCs are also constructing 5.31 and 10.64 lakh tonnes respectively under the Scheme.

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 likely to 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.