

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

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

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- (a) whether Government has formulated any policy to make private godowns for grains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of expenditure on keeping one quintal of grains in Government godown in one year;
- (d) the amount of expenditure incurred by Government on keeping one quintal of grains in private godown;
and
- (e) the total quantity of wheat stored in the godowns of Government and the expenditure being incurred on their upkeep?

ANSWER

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

(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): The Government 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 to the private entrepreneurs for assured hiring. 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. A covered 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. The state-wise capacities to be created under the scheme are at Annexure-I. Out of this tenders have already been finalized for 16.06 lakh tonnes so far, for creation of capacity by the private entrepreneurs. Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs) are also constructing 5.31 and 10.64 lakh tonnes respectively under the Scheme.

(c) & (d) : The amount of expenditure incurred for storage of foodgrains agency-wise in the different types of godowns are at Annexure-II .

(e) : The total quantity of wheat stored in FCI godowns both owned and hired as on 01.02.2011 is 82.63 lakh MT.

The total expenditure projected to be incurred during 2010-11 (RE) on the upkeep of foodgrains (wheat, rice and paddy) in the FCI owned godowns are as under:

Amount in Rs. Crores

Owned covered	Owned CAP	Total Stores and spares consumed
16.32	18.95	35.27