

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2371
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2000
STORAGE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Planning Commission contemplates free storage of agricultural products;
- (b) if so, whether the matter is being considered by the Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Question do not arise.

(d): At present, large scale storage/warehousing facilities are provided by three agencies namely Food Corporation of India (FCI), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and 16 States Warehousing Corporations (SWCs) in the Public Sector. While the capacity available with the FCI is used mainly for storage of food-grains, storage capacity with the CWC and the SWCs is used for storage of agricultural produce, seeds, manures, fertilizers, agricultural implements etc. In addition to this, storage facilities are also made available by the Cooperative and Private Sectors.