

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF GRAIN BANKS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have a proposal to set up grain bank in every State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken in this regard by the Union Government so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): A Group of officers is reviewing the experience of Grain Bank Scheme as implemented in Madhya Pradesh. Currently a Central Sector scheme for setting up of Grain Banks is under implementation since 1996-97 exclusively for tribal villages in 13 States in the country. The Scheme provides that villagers in identified areas can form a Committee and set up grain bank in the village. The Government of India provides one time 100% grant for setting up the grain banks, at the rate of 100 Kgs. of locally consumed foodgrains per family.

The members can borrow from this bank in time of need and repay in kind after harvest or getting income as wages.