

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:359
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2002
GRAINS SILOS IN THE COUNTRY
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

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

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to build additional storage capacity for grains and have floated global tenders for grain silos in different locations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (d) whether the Government propose to involve private entrepreneurs to share the construction costs of these additional storage godowns;
- (e) if so, the percentage thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the available technology/introduce new technology for storage of foodgrains?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.359 DUE FOR ANSWERS 13-12-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The locations where bulk grain handling, storage and transportation facilities are envisaged to be created on Build-Own-Operate (BOO) basis, through private sector participation, are as follows:

Sl. No. Name of the State Place Capacity

- 1. Punjab
 - (i) Barnala 3 lakh MTs
 - (ii) Moga 3 lakh MTs
- 2. Haryana
 - (i) Sirsa 3 lakh MTs
 - (ii) Kaithal 3 lakh MTs
- 3. West Bengal
 - (i) Hooghly 1 lakh MTs
- 4. Tamil Nadu
 - (i) Chennai 1 lakh MTs
 - (ii) Coimbatore 1 lakh MTs
- 5. Karnataka
 - (i) Bangalore 1 lakh MTs
- 6. Maharashtra
 - (i) Navi Mumbai 2 lakh MTs

TOTAL 18 lakh MTs

(c) to (f): The facilities, as indicated above, are proposed be developed and operated by the selected private parties/joint ventures through which the entire construction costs for bulk grain handling, storage and transportation would be borne. Government have decided to introduce integrated bulk handling, storage and transportation facilities for upgrading the existing conventional system.