

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

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to build additional godowns for foodgrains and have floated global tenders for grain silos in different locations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government propose to involve private firms to construct the godowns; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir. The private sector participation would be sought and encouraged for development of infrastructure for the integrated bulk grain handling, storage and transportation on Build-Own and Operate (BOO) basis. RITES, on behalf of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) have floated global tenders for creation of grains silos in different locations in the country.

(b): The State-wise locations of grain silos proposed to be created through private sector participation are as follows:-

Sl.No. Name of the State Locations of the proposed silos

1. Punjab
(i) Barnala

(ii) Moga

2. Haryana
(i) Sirsa

(ii) Kaithal

3. Tamil Nadu
(i) Chennai

(ii) Coimbatore

4. Karnataka Bangalore

5. Maharashtra New Mumbai

6. West Bengal Hoogly

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The private sector will be encouraged to build storage capacities on Build-Own and Operate (BOO) basis in which they will store and maintain foodgrains procured by the Government agencies, for which they will be entitled to storage charges.