

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5603
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SITUATION OF GODOWNS
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

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

- (a) whether a number of godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) are situated far away from the railway stations;
- (b) if so, whether FCI has to incur huge expenditure for transportation of foodgrains to the said godowns;
- (c) if so, the loss being suffered by FCI annually;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to avoid such losses through unnecessary transportation; and
- (e) the number of FCI godowns proposed to be set up in Maharashtra 2005-06?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Transportation of stocks from Railhead to storage depots is inevitable and included in operational costs.

(d): The FCI is making all out efforts to minimize the expenditure on this account by rationalizing the quantity of transportation. Besides, Handling & Transport Contracts to & from Railheads are awarded at competitive rates through tenders.

(e): As on 1-2-2005, in Maharashtra State, the FCI has 8.67 lakh MTs vacant space (7.41 lakh MTs covered and 1.26 lakh MTs CAP (Open), which is adequate to meet the storage requirement of foodgrain stocks.