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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2794 ANSWERED ON:12.12.2005 CONSTRUCTION OF GODOWNS Barman Shri Ranen;Chaure Shri Bapu Hari;Dhotre Shri Sanjay Shamrao;Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

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

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the requirement of godowns for storage of foodgrains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has drafted any proposals in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any proposals have been received from the States for construction of godowns; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

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): Yes, Sir.

(b): During February, 2004, the availability of godowns for storage of foodgrains was reviewed by the Government. It was decided that further construction of godowns, except in States of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) and North-East (NE) States including Sikkim, may not be taken up as the storage capacity available with Food Corporation of India (FCI) in most of the States except these States is sufficient to meet the requirement of storage of foodgrains.

(c) & (d): From 2005-06 onwards, funds under the Plan Scheme for construction of godowns for storage of foodgrains would be released to FCI/Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)/State Governments for construction of godowns in North East (including Sikkim) and J&K.

(e) & (f): State-wise details of proposals received for construction of godowns in J&K and N.E. States are at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (e) AND (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2794 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 12.12.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATEMENT SHOWING STATE-WISE DETAILS OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN THE MINISTRY/FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA (FCI) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GODOWNS FOR STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS.

(Fig. In MTs)

Name of State Name of Centre Capacity

Jammu and Kashmir Srinagar Valley 20,000 Lethpora 6,160

North-East States Bualpui (Mizoram) 5,000 Sancheowa (Assam) 1,670 Badarpurghat (Assam) 5,000 Chalkowa (Assam) 4,170 Changsari (Assam) 50,000 Hailakandi (Assam) 5,000 Dibrugarh (Assam) 25,000 Nogaon (Assam) 25,000 Karimganj (Assam) 5,000 Shillong (Meghalaya) 5,000 Jiribhum (Manipur) 7,500-10,000 Chanderpur (Tripura) 5,000 Kumarghat (Tripura) 5,000