

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3851
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2005
DECLINE IN CAPACITY UTILISATION OF CWC GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a gradual decline in the utilization of owned capacity of Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) godowns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the capacity utilization of hired godowns has gone up considerably during the said period;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken or being taken by CWC for ensuring optimum capacity utilization of its own godowns?

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): No, Sir. The utilization of owned capacity of Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) Godowns has increased since 2003-04 as given in the Annexure.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): The percentage utilization of hired godowns since 2003-04 has shown an increasing trend as given in Annexure.
- (d): The increase in utilization of hired godowns is mainly due to availability of substantial capacity of hired godowns at required locations where constructed capacity is not available. Further, high quantity of mustard stocks were procured by NAFED in the current year, for which the Corporation had to go in for hiring godowns, especially in the States of Rajasthan and Haryana.
- (e): The CWC is de-hiring the godowns where utilization is less than 25%.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3851 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 19.12.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATEMENT SHOWING PERCENTAGE UTILIZATION OF CWC GODOWNS VIS-À-VIS HIRED GODOWNS DURING 2003-04.

(figures in lakh tonnes)

| Year | Owned capa- city | Utili- zation %age city | Hired capa- city | Utili- zation %age city | Total capa- city | Total utili- zation %age city | | | |
|---------|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|--------|-------|----|
| 2003-04 | 64.58 | 38.38 | 59 | 28.06 | 16.87 | 60 | 92.64 | 55.24 | 60 |
| 2004-05 | 66.20 | 40.71 | 61 | 31.86 | 20.87 | 66 | 98.06 | 61.58 | 63 |
| 2005-06 | 66.82 | 46.07 | 69 | 36.74 | 27.60 | 75 | 103.56 | 73.67 | 71 |

(Ist seven months)