

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3402
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OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has not been able to make optimum utilisation of its godowns.
- (b) if so, the total number of FCI godowns in the country and their capacities alongwith the capacity utilisation;
- (c) whether many godowns of FCI are in a dilapidated condition;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the action taken to improve the condition of such godowns;
- (f) the total quantum of food grains lying in open due to shortage of godowns; and (g) the steps taken to provide adequate godowns for shortage of foodgrains?

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.

Due to increased off-take under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes and lower stock levels held in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India have witnessed declined trend.

(b): Statement showing the number of godowns and the storage capacity (owned and hired) covered and CAP with the FCI as on 31.3.2006 are enclosed as Annex-I & II.

(c): No, Sir. All godowns of FCI are being constructed scientifically as per ISI code 607 - 1971 and are being properly maintained.

(d)&(e): Do not arise.

(f): Due to non-availability of adequate covered space in Chhatisgarh, Uttaranchal and Rajasthan Regions, stocks of 5.22 lakh tonnes (mainly paddy 4.75 lakh tonnes in Chhatisgarh) has been stored temporarily in the open.

(g): FCI stores wheat and paddy in open/CAP (cover and plinth) under a scientifically designed system as a temporary measure. These stocks are stored on wooden crates and covered with specially fabricated low density black polythene covers (LDPE) which are water proof so as to protect the foodgrains from rains. These stocks are liquidated on priority.