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

STARRED QUESTION NO:202 ANSWERED ON:27.08.2007 STORAGE CAPACITY OF FCI AND CWC GODOWNS Mahato Shri Narahari

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

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) have constructed godowns for storage of foodgrains in various States particularly in West Bengal and in the North Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the number and storage capacity of these godowns as on date, State-wise;
- (c) the target fixed and achieved for creation of storage capacity during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the reasons for not achieving the targets?

## **Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a),(b),(c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 202 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 27.08.2007 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. FCI has constructed 547 godowns through-out the country (including 38 godowns in North Eastern States and 27 godowns in West Bengal) having total capacity of 129.43 Lakh MT.

CWC has constructed 364 godowns all over the country (out of which 35 godowns are in West Bengal and 9 godowns are in North Eastern States) having total capacity of 67.26 Lakh MT.

State-wise capacity of godowns constructed by FCI and CWC is at Annexure.

(c): The target fixed for creation of storage capacity during Xth Five Year Plan was 4.35 lakh tonnes for FCI which was reduced to 3.62 lakh tonnes based on the funds released by the Government during each Annual Plan from 2002-03 to 2006-07. As against the target of 3.62 lakh tonnes, FCI has created a capacity of 3.66 lakh tonnes in the Xth Five Year Plan.

For CWC, the target fixed for creation of storage capacity was 15.74 lakh MTs. CWC has constructed storage capacity of 14.28 lakh MTs in the Xth Five Year Plan.

(d): In respect of FCI, target (3.62 lakh tonnes) fixed during Xth Five Year Plan was achieved by creating capacity of 3.66 lakh tonnes.

The shortfall in construction of godowns by CWC was due to non-availability of land at various locations.