

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

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

- (a) the targets fixed and achieved for construction of godowns and railway sidings for storage of foodgrains during each year of the Tenth Plan, State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for failure to achieve the targets;
- (c) the targets fixed and allocation made for creation of storage capacity during each year of the Eleventh Plan alongwith the steps proposed to be taken for achieving the targets fixed; State-wise; and
- (d) the number and capacity of storage space proposed to be created during 2008-09; 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): During the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-03 to 2006-07), the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has created 3,66,880 MTs storage capacity against the target of 3,62,010 MT. The State-wise/ Centre-wise details are given in the statement at Annexure-I. During Tenth Plan, 3 Railway sidings at Nellore (Andhra Pradesh), Dhamora (Uttar Pradesh) and Balijori (Orissa) were also completed.

During the Tenth Five Year Plan, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), against the target of 15.74 lakh MTs, has constructed a total of 14.28 lakh MTs for storage of all commodities including foodgrains. The Year-wise/State-wise/Centre-wise details are given in the statement at Annexure-II. Out of the above total capacity constructed, 1.99 lakh MT was constructed under 7 years guarantee scheme for exclusive storage of foodgrains of FCI and a capacity of 0.51 lakh MT was constructed for Railside Warehousing Complexes (RWCs).

(b): As regards FCI, there was no shortfall in achieving the physical targets set for the Tenth Five Year Plan. The CWC could not achieve the targets fully as the construction at Mundra was delayed due to utilisation of the incomplete infrastructure for the use of imported foodgrains by FCI, which has been completed during 2007-08. Out of 22 locations as per MoU with Railways, the construction of RWCs could not be commenced in time at 18 locations due to delay by Railways in handing over of the land.

(c): The Government has allocated a total of Rs.149 crores for construction of godowns during Eleventh Plan (2007-08 to 2011-12) out of which Rs.125 crore has been earmarked for FCI for construction of storage godowns in the country and the remaining Rs.24 crore is for the State Governments of North East Region, Sikkim and State Government of Jammu & Kashmir as Grants-in-Aid. The state-wise priority list of centres drawn up by the FCI out of which the construction of storage godowns will be finalised is given in the Annexure-III. During the first year of the Eleventh Plan i.e. 2007-08, Rs.4 crore was released to the FCI as equity and Rs.2.00 crore was released to State Government of Mizoram as Grants in Aid for construction of storage godowns under Plan Scheme. The centres taken in the Annual Plan 2007-08 were new where land was yet to be acquired. As such, no physical target as taken in the Annual Plan 2007-08 have been met.

As regards CWC [including Central Railside Warehousing Corporation (CRWC)], for the 11th Five Year Plan, construction of 4.03 lakh MT is the target with an allocation of Rs.195.61 crores, out of which, a capacity of 2.40 lakh MT has been constructed during 2007-08. The state-wise/ centre-wise details are given in the statement at Annexure-IV.

(d): The State-wise tentative details of the number and capacity of storage space proposed to be created by the FCI during the year 2008-09 are given in the Annexure-V. The construction on these centres will be taken up subject to availability/acquisition/handling over of land by the State Governments to the FCI for taking up construction of storage godowns by FCI.

The State-wise details of the number and capacity of storage space proposed to be created during 2008-09 by the CWC are given in the statement at Annexure-VI.