

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1353
ANSWERED ON:27.10.2008
GODOWNS OF FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number and capacity of the godowns in the country alongwith the total quantity of foodgrains stored therein,State-wise;
- (b) whether the said capacity is sufficient to meet the storage needs of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether many godowns including those in the backward areas of the country are in a dilapidated condition;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve their condition and construct new 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): The State-wise number of godowns, storage capacity and stocks stored therein (as on 31.08.2008) with Food Corporation of India is given in statement attached as Annexure.
- (b) & (c): At the macro level storage capacity available with FCI is presently sufficient to meet its storage requirement. At the micro level wherever storage gap are there,they are fulfilled by construction of godowns under Plan Scheme or by hiring capacities from CWC,SWC or Private Sectors.
- (d): No Sir.No godown of FCI,including godowns in the backward areas are in a dilapidated condition. All godowns are being constructed scientifically as per ISI Code 607-1971 and are being maintained periodically for their proper upkeep.
- (e): Does not arise.