

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GODOWNS

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

- (a) the current foodgrain storage capacity held by Government agencies in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to construct new godowns for safe storage of foodgrains to ensure food security in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the proposals received from the States in this regard, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the construction of godowns in different parts of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): As on 31.01.2010, FCI is maintaining a total storage capacity of 282.68 lakh tonnes (Covered & CAP) including godowns owned and hired from CWC, SWCs, State Governments and Private Parties.

(b),(c)&(d):Yes, Madam.

The Government is providing financial assistance in the form of Grants-in Aid to the State Governments of North East Region, Sikkim and Jammu & Kashmir under Plan Scheme for construction of storage godowns. The details of the ongoing projects undertaken by the State Governments of North East Region, Sikkim & Jammu & Kashmir is given in the Statement at Annexure-I. Under the Plan Scheme funds are also released as equity to FCI for construction of godowns.The status of ongoing projects with FCI is at Annexure -II.

The Government has also formulated a scheme for construction of godowns for FCI by hiring them on guarantee basis.

The proposals for creation of storage capacity in the various States are considered by the State Level Committee (SLC), and are finally approved by the High Level Committee (HLC) of FCI. The HLC has given its approval for construction of storage godowns for a capacity of 127.65 lakh tonnes. The State-wise details of storage capacity approved by HLC are given at Annexure-III. FCI will offer a guarantee of 7 years for construction of new godowns under the Scheme. The godown is to be taken on hire from Private parties through CWC/SWCs (which will be the implementing agency).

In order to ensure expeditious construction of godowns, the Guarantee Scheme has been reviewed and it has been decided that wherever CWC and SWCs have land and if this is at the identified locations and within storage capacity finalized, CWC/SWCs may construct godowns on priority for which FCI will provide 4 years Guarantee.