

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:272

ANSWERED ON:16.03.2010

SHORTAGE OF STORAGE SPACE

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

- (a) whether some parts of the country including Kerala are facing acute shortage of storage space leading to wastage of foodgrains due to open and unhygienic storage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the current storage capacity held by the Government agencies alongwith the requirement, Statewise;
- (c) the details regarding the total quantum of foodgrains stored in these godowns during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the quantum out of the above wasted due to inadequate and poor storage, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken to provide adequate and safe storage space during the ensuing procurement season?

Answer

MINISTER 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.272 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16.03.2010 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): Due to higher level of stocks of wheat and rice in Central Pool, the FCI and some State Governments are facing shortage of storage space. However, there is no report of loss of foodgrains due to open and unhygienic storage.

(b): The details of total storage capacity and stocks held by FCI as on 15.02.2010 are given at Annexure-I.

(c): The details of total quantum of foodgrains stored in the godowns of FCI during the last three years i.e. 2006-07 onwards are as under:

As on 31/3 Stock in lakh tonnes

2006-07 138.04

2007-08 124.82

2008-09 192.58

2009-10 (as on 15.02.2010) 211.06

No foodgrain has been wasted in the godowns of Food Corporation of India due to inadequate and poor storage facility. However, some quantity of foodgrains has become non-issuable due to reasons like rodents, pests etc. The year-wise and State-wise details for the last three years and current year (upto January, 2010) are at Annexure II.

(d) : The following steps have been taken to provide adequate and safe storage space during the ensuing procurement season :

- (i) FCI has taken action for construction of CAP/open plinths in the existing godowns and vacant spaces available with it.
- (ii) FCI has also invited offers from private entrepreneurs for hiring of plinths through private parties.

(iii) For creation of storage capacity for the long term, Government has formulated a scheme for construction of storage godowns through Private Entrepreneurs, under 7 years guarantee.