

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:346  
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2010  
FOODGRAINS UNDER OPEN STORAGE  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some quantities of wheat from last year's harvest are still lying in the open even on the eve of the new harvest;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Food Corporation of India and other procurement agencies are facing storage constraints, on account of arrival of new rabi wheat crops;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective action taken thereon?

**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),(b),(c),(d)&(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.346 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 20.04.2010 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As on 01.04.2010, wheat stocks of Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2009-10 of FCI and State Govt. and its Agencies in the Central Pool which are in CAP storage are given below:

Agency	Quantity (in Lakh Tonnes)
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FCI	5.82
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State Govts. and their agencies	59.52
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(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. At present storage gap is observed in the major procuring States on account of expected higher arrival of new rabi wheat crop. The storage gap in Punjab and Haryana is estimated at 12.63 Lakh Tonnes and 1.04 Lakh Tonnes respectively.

(e): A number of corrective actions as detailed below have already been taken to bridge the storage gap:

1. For creation of storage capacity for the long term, Government has formulated a scheme for construction of storage godowns through Private Entrepreneurs, under a 7 years guarantee. Furthermore, wherever CWC and SWCs construct godowns on their own land, FCI will provide 6 years guarantee.

2. Directions have been issued to the field offices to optimally utilize existing capacity.

3. Executive Directors (Zone), FCI have been delegated full powers to hire Covered and Plinth (CAP) capacities from private parties for 3 years extendable by 2 years as per the need/requirement.

4. Additional space, if required, may be hired from Rice mills/Sugar mills/Mandi yards etc. to fill up the remaining gap, if any.

5. In the last one year FCI has hired 28.54 lakh tonnes of additional capacity and constructed plinths in its existing complexes to the extent of 4.23 lakh tonnes. FCI have also hired 3.3 lakh tonnes capacity from Central Warehousing Corporation during the months of March/April,2010.