

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

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SHORTAGE OF STORAGE SPACE

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

- (a) whether the Government agencies are procuring wheat on Minimum Support Price in several parts of the country including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether the foodgrains are getting damaged due to their storage in the open and unhygienic conditions due to shortage of warehouses;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the storage capacity of the Government agencies as on date alongwith the requirement thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to take concrete steps including concessions to private parties to provide sufficient and safe storage space to prevent wastage of foodgrains during the ensuing procurement seasons; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

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): Yes, Madam.

(b) and (c): No foodgrains had got wasted in the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) due to lack of proper storage, transportation and upkeep during the last three years. However, some quantity of foodgrains with the FCI in the Central Pool was damaged and had become non-issuable due to various reasons, such as, cyclones and floods.

(d) A statement showing the State-wise storage capacity available with the FCI, CWC and SWC as on 1.3.2010 is at Annexure-I.

(e) and (f): A statement showing steps are taken to ensure proper storage, movement and safe upkeep of foodgrains is at Annexure-II.