

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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STORAGE FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of storage facilities for farm products in the rural areas of the country leading to wastage of foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of storage capacity available with the Government warehouses in the country, State-wise;
- (d) the storage capacity for foodgrains created during the last three years, yearwise and State-wise; and
- (e) the storage capacity likely to be created during the next two years?

**Answer**

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(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Working Group on Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure and Policy required for Internal and External Trade for XI Five Year Plan (2007-12), Agriculture Division, Planning Commission, Govt. of India, January, 2007, estimated the storage capacity gap of 35 million tonnes in India including that in rural areas. No information is available about the wastage due to shortage of storage capacity in the rural areas.

(c): The state-wise storage capacity available with government warehouses in the country is at Annexure-I.

(d): State wise storage capacity created by Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation during the year 2006-07 to 2008-09 is at Annexure-II

(e): Storage capacity is created based on justification of storage need by respective agencies from time to time and can't be anticipated in advance. However, it is proposed to sanction storage capacity of 15 lakh MT under Rural Godown Scheme during 2010-11 and 2011-12. Central warehousing Corporation proposes to construct storage capacity of about 1.77 lakh MT in the year 2010-11.