

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

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

- (a) the number of base depots of Food Corporation of India (FCI) in the country alongwith the number of districts without any base depot, State-wise including Jharkhand;
- (b) whether the said depots are adequate to meet the requirements;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up new base depots in the States particularly in the areas which lack such depots;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) the time by which they are likely to be set up?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): FCI has a total of 910 Base Depots in the country with a capacity totalling 231.27 lakh tonnes. There are 116 Revenue Districts (including 7 in Jharkhand) without any base depots. The storage capacity of the Base Depots is sufficient to meet the requirements of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and the requirements of Other Welfare Schemes (OWS), except in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Orissa, Kerala, Bihar, Gujarat and North Eastern States based on 4 months stocking of foodgrains. State-wise details are at Annexure-I.

(d),(e)&(f): In the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the Planning Commission has allocated Rs.125 crores to be released as equity to FCI for construction of storage godowns. Thrust is given for creation of storage capacity in the North-Eastern States including Sikkim and J & K. The ongoing projects of FCI where the storage capacity of Base Depots is not sufficient are at Annexure-II.

Government has also formulated a scheme for construction of godowns for FCI 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. Under the Scheme, approval has been given for construction of storage godowns for a capacity of 127.65 lakh tonnes. The details of storage capacity approved for the States where the storage capacity of Base Depots is not sufficient are given at Annexure-III.