

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

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PROCUREMENT AND STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS

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

- (a) whether the Government has stepped up the targets/estimates for procurement of wheat during rabi season 2010-11 while reducing the same for some States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps for creation of more storage space for proper and safe storage of foodgrains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the storage space created and funds allocated and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years, State-wise?

**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): Since the procurement of wheat under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme is open ended, no targets are fixed. However, before the start of every Rabi Marketing Season (RMS), estimates for wheat procurement are drawn in the meeting of State Food Secretaries. The State-wise estimates of wheat procurement in the current RMS 2010-11 is as follows:

(In lakh tonnes)  
State   Estimate of Procurement

Punjab   115.0

Haryana   60.0

Uttar Pradesh 40.0

Madhya Pradesh 35.0

Rajasthan 6.0

Bihar   6.0

Gujarat   0.50

Jammu & Kashmir 0.012

Jharkhand 0.15

Total   262.67

(c)to(e): Government releases funds as equity to Food Corporation of India(FCI) and as Grants-in-aid to the North Eastern States including Sikkim and J&K, under the Plan Scheme. For the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the Planning Commission has allocated 125.00

crore to be released as equity to FCI and Rs.24.00 crore as Grants-in-aid to the North Eastern States, Sikkim and J&K.

The storage space created by FCI under the Plan Scheme in the last 3 years, and the ongoing projects of FCI are at Annexure-I. The funds released as grants-in-aid for the ongoing projects of the NE states, Sikkim and J&K is at Annexure-II.

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 year guarantee. A capacity totalling 127.65 lakh tonnes has been approved under the scheme. The state-wise details are at Annexure-III. Further, Central Warehousing Corporation and State Warehousing Corporations can construct godowns at the approved locations under the Scheme on their own land for which FCI will provide a 6 year guarantee.