

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

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HIRING OF GODOWNS
Singh Rajkumari Ratna

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

- (a) the number of private godowns taken on rent by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) alongwith the rent paid therefor during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the number and capacity of godowns, out of the above being used for storage of foodgrains;
- (c) whether the Government had taken any steps to ensure reduction in rent while renting these private godowns; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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): The details relating to the number of private godowns hired by FCI and the rent paid during the last three years are as under:

Year Number of Private Godowns Hired Amount spent on rent
(Figures in Rs. Lakhs)

2006-07	121	817.69
2007-08	121	1322.41
2008-09	219	8437.58

(provisional)

(b): All the godowns hired are used for storage of foodgrains as per the following details:-

Year No. Of Pvt. Godowns Capacity
In LMT

2006-07	121	8.30
2007-08	121	6.75
2008-09	219	9.49

(c) & (d):, General Managers (Region) have been given full powers for hiring of godowns. The godowns are hired only after negotiations with the godown owner keeping the market rates/trend in mind. At the time of hiring of godowns all measures are taken to ensure hiring of godowns at minimum possible rates.