

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

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VILLAGE GRAIN BANKS

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

- (a) the present status of Village Grain Bank scheme in the country, including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government has fixed any targets for setting up of Village Grain Banks during the current Five Year Plan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the steps taken to achieve the said targets; and
- (e) the assistance provided by the Indian Grain Storage Management and Research Institute in the maintenance of Village Grain Banks?

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): Under Village Grain Bank Scheme, this Department has sanctioned 18,692 Village Grain Banks (VGBs) to various State Governments till date. The Govt. of Uttar Pradesh was sanctioned 1281 VGBs in 2006-07 & 2008-09. The State Government has reported setting up of 500 VGBs in the State.

(b) to (d): During the 11th Five Year Plan period, a target to establish 12,823 Village Grain Banks (VGBs) has been fixed. However, no State-wise targets have been fixed. Proposals are requested from State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to set up VGBs. They are pursued periodically through meetings and in writing for submission of fresh proposals. During the first three years of the 11th Plan period, 7,219 Village Grain Banks have been sanctioned to 12 States as per statement annexed.

(e): Village Grain Banks are managed by Executive Committee of each VGB. The Indian Grain Storage Management and Research Institute is not involved in maintenance of VGBs.