

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2731
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DAMP PROOF GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and storage capacity of the Food Corporation of India godowns in the country including the Southern States, State-wise;
- (b) whether these godowns have been made rodent and damp proof;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of godowns that are still to be made rodent and damp proof, Statewise; and
- (e) the steps taken in this regard?

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 number of Food Corporation of India godowns in the country including Southern States, State-wise is given in Annexure-I and storage capacity as on 15.07.2010 is given in Annexure-II.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam.

For Damp Proof: While constructing the godowns a damp proof layer is provided at foundation level. Also while laying floors of the godowns, damp proof material is mixed with cement concrete for making the floor damp proof.

For Rodent Proof: The floor level of the godown is kept 80 cm above the ground level to prevent the rodents from coming into the godown. Also where it is seen that rodents are making holes for entry into the godown, the same are plugged by field units to prevent entry of the rodents.

(d) & (e) : Does not arise since all godowns are made damp proof and rodent proof during construction. Proper care is being taken while laying floor of the godowns to make them damp proof as well as rodent proof.