

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

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

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) proposes to establish new godowns or discontinue any of the existing godowns; and
- (b) 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)&(b): FCI proposes to establish new godowns under the Plan Scheme for construction of storage godowns. FCI has prepared a shelf of project to establish new godowns of 3.41 lac tonnes capacity in various States during 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12) to manage the procurement/maintenance of adequate stocks for supplies in the PDS and other Welfare Schemes. The details of shelf of project for 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12) are given in the statement at Annex-I. The actual number of godowns taken up out of this will depend on sanction of funds during the Plan period and availability of land from State Govt. Under the Scheme for creation of capacity under Five Year Guarantee, FCI proposes to create additional capacity of about 126 lac tonnes under a Scheme of Five Year Guarantee for hiring of godowns. The details of additional capacity propose to be created in various States are given in the statement at Annex-II.

FCI has the powers to dehire godowns at locations where such godowns are not likely to be used.