

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1478
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GODOWNS FOR FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Government owned godowns available for storage of foodgrains in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether farmers in some States including Bihar and Jharkhand have failed to get remunerative price for their crops and difficulties are faced in providing relief to flood and drought affected people due to lack of adequate storage facilities;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to construct more godowns at block or sub-division level for storage of foodgrains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be constructed?

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): Statement showing number of depots with FCI for storage of foodgrains as on 31.3.10 is given in Annexure.
- (b): Government agencies undertake procurement of wheat, paddy and coarse grains conforming to FAQ norms, under price support scheme (MSP) and rice under statutory levy scheme, to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce.

In Bihar and Jharkhand, adequate number of purchase centres for procurement of Wheat and Rice are operated. The number of purchase centres operated and procurement made during last 2 years in Bihar and Jharkhand is given as under:

Paddy
No. of Purchase Centres Operated:

State 2008-09 2009-10

Bihar 3515 2165

Jharkhand 40 29

Paddy Procurement:

(in lakh tonnes)

State 2008-09 2009-10

Bihar 12.35 10.13

Jharkhand 0.38 0.14

Wheat

No. of Purchase Centres Operated:

State	2009-10	2010-11
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Bihar	2807	3547
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Jharkhand	15	15
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Wheat Procurement:

(in lakh tonnes)

State	2009-10	2010-11
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Bihar	4.97	1.83
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Jharkhand	0.2	Negligible
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(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.