

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

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COMMITTEE ON STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS  
Gorakhnath Shri

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

- (a) whether the Government has formed any committee to examine the issues related to storage of foodgrains in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether any policy has been formulated to ensure safe and proper storage of foodgrains in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**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). No, Madam.
- (b). Question does not arise.
- (c) & (d): Yes madam.

As per the existing policy, the following steps are taken for the safe and proper storage of foodgrains in the godowns of FCI on an ongoing basis:-

- (i) All FCI godowns are constructed as per specifications of foodgrains stored by adopting scientific storage practices.
- (ii) Adequate dunnage materials, fumigation covers and chemicals are provided in all the godowns.
- (iii) Prophylactic and curative treatments are carried out regularly and timely for the control of insects, pests and rodents.
- (iv) Foodgrains in 'Cover and Plinth' (CAP) storage are stored on elevated plinths and wooden crates are used as dunnage material. Stacks are properly covered with polythene water proof covers and tied with nylon ropes/ nets.
- (v) Regular inspection of stocks are undertaken by qualified and trained staff of FCI.

The principle of 'First -In-First-Out' is adopted to extend possible so as to avoid long storage of foodgrains in godowns.