

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:18  
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RURAL GODOWNS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has set any physical target for construction of rural godowns during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received feedbacks from the various beneficiaries of rural godowns;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): A target of 20 lakh MT of storage capacity (construction of rural godowns) has been set under Rural Godown Scheme during the current year i.e. 2010-11.

(c) to (e): A mid-term evaluation of the scheme was conducted by an independent agency during the year 2005-06. The major finding of the evaluation report is that Godown owners who are mainly farmers have benefited from the scheme through reducing post harvest losses and increasing income through higher price realization. The scheme has met most of its objectives.