

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF RURAL GODOWNS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large quantity of agricultural produce including paddy got damaged due to shortage of rural godowns/ storage facilities in the country including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to check such losses;
- (c) the number of godowns set up under the Rural Godown Scheme in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to set up additional rural godowns in the current year, State-wise including Maharashtra?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The region-wise and commodity-wise stock position of damaged/non-issuable foodgrains as on 01.10.10 with Food Corporation of India/State Agencies is given at Annexure-I. The steps taken by Government for safe preservation of foodgrains and to enhance storage capacity to avoid damage to foodgrains are given at Annexure-II.
- (c): State-wise details set up of Rural Godowns under the Rural Godown Scheme is given in the Annexure-III.
- (d): The Rural Godown Scheme is demand driven and applicable to all States and UTs. Hence, no State-wise targets are fixed or allocation of funds is made. However, during the year 2010-11, the target for the entire country is 20 lakh MTs storage capacity with a budgetary allocation of Rs.100 crores.