

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF STORAGE FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether large scale wastage of foodgrains in the country occurred due to inadequate storage infrastructure under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM);
- (b) if so, the quantum of foodgrains perished on this account during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the development of storage infrastructure under the NFSM including in the State of Haryana; and
- (d) the allocation made for this purpose during the said period, State-wise?

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) to (c): No, Madam. Under NFSM there is no provision for the development of storage infrastructure in NFSM States including Haryana. However, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is assisting all types of Cooperative Societies including primaries for construction of godowns and repair/renovation of existing rural godowns under the schemes of Restructured Central Sector Scheme, Corporation Sponsored Scheme and Gramin Bhandaran Yojana. Foodgrains get damaged during transportation, handling and storage operations or their quality gets deteriorated due to spillage, storage over extended periods of time when the depots are not able to exhaust such stocks in time by issuing to State Government, exposure to rains, poor maintenance, etc.

The quantum of foodgrains perished on this account during the year 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 and during current year (2010-11) upto September, 2010 is given at Annexure I to IV respectively.

(d): Question does not arise.