

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

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

- (a) the present optimum level of storage utilisation;
- (b) whether any norm/criterion is being followed in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the basis of fixing the said norm criterion?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a),(b)&(c) : The optimum capacity utilization norm for storage given by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices(BICP) is 75%. However, no set norms/criteria are followed in this regard since utilization depends upon various factors such as procurement, offtake and movement of foodgrains.