

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched a Private Entrepreneur Godowns (PEG) Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made therein indicating the targeted and actual capacity created and the number of proposals received during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch a new storage policy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the difference between the present and the proposed framework?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has launched a Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee Scheme (PEG) for construction of storage godowns for FCI as well as for the States undertaking Decentralised Procurement of foodgrains, through private entrepreneurs, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs). Under the scheme, the Food Corporation of India would give a guarantee of ten years to the private entrepreneurs for assured hiring. For the consuming areas, storage capacity is to be created to meet four month's requirement of Public Distribution System (PDS) and other Welfare Schemes in a State. For the procurement areas, the highest stock levels in the last three years are considered to decide the storage capacity required. The Government has given approval for construction of about 150 lakh tonnes of additional covered capacity in 19 States in the country. State-wise details are given at Annexure-I. Tenders have already been finalized for 16.06 lakh tonnes so far, for creation of capacity by the private entrepreneurs, on the basis of two bid tendering process. The Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs) are also constructing 5.31 and 10.64 lakh tonnes respectively under the Scheme.

As on 20.2.2011, storage capacity of 1.13 lakh tonnes has been created under the Scheme. The State-wise details are as follows:-

State Capacity Created (in MTs)

Chhattisgarh	5000
Haryana	27,500
Maharashtra	20,020
Punjab	60,800
Total	1,13,320

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.