

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:259

ANSWERED ON:21.07.2009

SHORTAGE OF STORAGE SPACE

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

- (a) whether the shortage of storage space coupled with mounting carry over stock of foodgrains is causing problems for storage of foodgrains procured during the recent rabi season;
- (b) if so, the details of the requirement and availability of godowns during each of the last three years and the current year, agency-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the existing godowns are being renovated and new storage capacity created in various States including Bihar;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the above period;
- (e) the details of the storage capacity proposed to be created, funds allocated and land acquired for the purpose, State-wise;
- (f) whether financial and technical assistance is provided to the State Warehousing Corporations and other State agencies for renovation and creating of new storage space; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof indicating the additional storage space likely to be created?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f)&(g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.259 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.07.2009 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): Yes, Madam. FCI and State Agencies have faced the problem of shortage of storage capacity due to record procurement of wheat in RMS 2008-09 ( 226.89 lakh tonnes) and RMS 2009-10 (251.35 lakh tonnes as on 16.07.2009), and of rice in KMS 2007-08 (284.93 lakh tonnes) and in KMS 2008-09 (316.55 lakh tonnes as on 16.7.2009).

(b): As on 30.6.2009 FCI is maintaining a total storage capacity of 275.59 LMT (Owned/ Hired/Covered & CAP) with a stock level of 242.66 LMT. The details of available storage capacity with FCI during the last 3 years and current year are annexed at Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): Periodical maintenance of godowns is carried out by FCI. New storage capacity created in various States by FCI, during 2006-07 to 2008-09 is given at Annexure II.

(e): FCI has prepared a shelf of projects to establish new godowns during the 11th Five Year Plan 2007-12. The estimated cost of construction of these godowns is Rs. 164 crore. Planning Commission has, however, allocated Rs. 125 crore for FCI and Rs. 24 crore for State Governments of North Eastern region, Sikkim and Jammu & Kashmir. Details of amounts released to FCI and capacity likely to be created in XIth Five Year Plan out of funds to be released in 2009-10 are at Annexure-III.

(f)&(g): Financial assistance to State Governments is provided by the Government in the form of Grants-in-Aid. Technical assistance is given by FCI in the form of scrutiny of engineering estimates submitted by State Governments. Additional storage capacity likely to be created by State Governments in XIth Plan out of funds sanctioned in 2007-08 and 2008-09 is at Annexure- IV.