

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2342  
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STRATEGIC FOODGRAINS RESERVE  
Dharmshi Shri Babar Gajanan

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to create a strategic reserve of foodgrains in addition to the buffer stock to meet emergency situations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the manner in which this additional stock is proposed to be created and maintained;
- (c) the number of godowns/warehouses proposed to be built for the purpose, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Union Government has also decided to bear the entire expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b)&(c): Yes, Madam. Pending revision of buffer norms and in order to ensure food security in the country, Government has decided that a strategic reserve of 50 lakh tonnes foodgrains would be maintained by Food Corporation of India (FCI). The strategic reserve is to be built up over a period of time starting from 2008-09. The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool including strategic reserve would be kept in the available godowns/ additional godowns proposed to be constructed by the FCI and State agencies.

(d)&(e): The cost of maintaining the strategic reserve would be borne by the Government of India in the form of subsidy.