

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

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

- (a) the number and storage capacity of private godowns hired by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other public agencies during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the rent paid therefor, State-wise;
- (b) whether any action was taken to ensure reduction in rent at the time of hiring of these godowns;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the storage capacity likely to be hired during 2009-10 alongwith the rent to be paid therefor?

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): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (b),(c)&(d): GM (Region) have been given full powers to take decision to ensure cost effectiveness at the time of hiring godowns.
- (e): The storage capacity likely to be hired and rent to be paid during 2009-10 cannot be predicted/projected at this stage, since, hiring of godowns is dependent upon the trend of procurement and offtake.