

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

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

- (a) the number and capacity of godowns in the country including Andhra Pradesh, State-wise;
- (b) whether a large number of godowns are lying closed;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the ratio of the godowns to the production and procurement of crops in the country including Andhra Pradesh, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to construct godowns near railway stations/lines to cut transportation cost and check loss of foodgrains; and
- (f) 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): The State-wise number and capacity of FCI godowns (Covered & CAP) in the country (including Andhra Pradesh) is given at Annexure-I.
- (b)&(c): No, Madam. However, a few godowns are not in working condition due to various reasons like storage unworthiness, being in defunct condition, under litigation, etc. State-wise details of closed godowns of FCI are given at Annexure-II.
- (d): The details of State-wise ratio of procurement of wheat & rice to capacity are given at Annexure-III.
- (e)&(f): FCI godowns are constructed keeping in view the TPDS requirements and buffer stocking norms. Hence, as far as practicable, godowns are constructed near nodal points like rail-head, National/State Highways, agricultural market yards, consumption areas, etc. so as to minimize transportation costs/losses