

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:390
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STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether procurement of foodgrains is undertaken in proportion to the available storage space;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for open/unsafe storage and rotting of foodgrains;and
- (c) the steps taken to check such wastage in future?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. The procurement of foodgrains is open-ended. The wheat, rice and coarse grains conforming to the FAQ specifications brought by the farmers are purchased by FCI and state agencies at Minimum Support Price (MSP).
- (c): Steps taken to check the wastage of foodgrains are enclosed as Annexure.