

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
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EXPENDITURE ON STORAGE  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) the comparative figures of the per quintal expenditure incurred on storage and maintenance of foodgrain stocks in the Government-owned and private godowns; and

(b) the total quantum of foodgrains stored in the Government godowns and the amount spent on their maintenance during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a): The FCI hires godowns from the Central Warehousing Corporation(CWC) and State Warehousing Corporations(SWCs) which charge at the rate of Rs. 4.90 per quintal per month for storage and maintenance. This rate was finalized for the year 2008-09. Payment for subsequent years is also being made at this rate. For Godowns hired from the private parties, General Manager(Regions) have powers to pay rentals upto Rs. 4.16 per quintal per month. ED(Zones) have power upto Rs. 5.21 per quintal per month and if higher rates are received the proposals are then finalized by the FCI, Headquarters.

(b): The details of quantity of foodgrain stock stored by FCI in its owned and hired godowns for the last 3 years and the current year is as below:-

(fig. In lakh MT)

Year      FCI owned      Hired

State Govt.      CWC      SWC

March, 2009      99.20      4.16      20.96      55.68

March, 2010      100.66      5.53      25.83      68.69

March, 2011      93.48      5.49      29.90      82.29

February, 2012      98.88      5.26      33.73      95.98

The rent paid by FCI to various Govt. Warehousing Agencies for storage and maintenance of foodgrains in the last three years and for 2011-12 (RE), along with details of expenditure on maintenance in FCI owned godowns are as under:-

(Rs Crores)

Year      Rent paid to      Maintenance cost      Total  
CWC/SWC/Govt      incurred in FCI  
godown      Owned Godowns

2008-09      362.94      53.82      416.76

2009-10      660.89      64.70      725.59

2010-11      758.82      71.57      830.39  
(Unaudited)

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