

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

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CREATION OF STORAGE CAPACITY

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

- (a) the total stocks and the estimated procurement of foodgrains during 2012-13, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the physical and financial targets fixed and achieved for creation of storage space during each of the last three years and the current year, Statewise and agency- wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to construct new godowns during the ensuing year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken/action plan formulated to achieve the said targets, State-wise and agency-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken to improve the condition of godowns alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a): The stock position of foodgrain in Central Pool as on 1.3.2012 is as under:-

(Figures in LMTs)

Commodity	FCI	State Agencies	Total
Rice	189.52	142.26	331.78
Wheat	83.13	129.42	212.55
Total	272.65	271.68	544.53

The estimate of rice procurement during KMS 2011-12, is 353.15 lakh tonnes. The State wise details are given at Annexure-I. The estimate of wheat procurement during ensuing RMS 2012-13 is 318 lakh tonnes, State wise details is given at Annexure-II.

(b),(c)&(d): The FCI creates storage space for foodgrains as per its requirements which may vary from time to time depending on procurement. The net hired capacity from 1-4-2008 to 29-2-2012 is about 92 lakh tonnes. The State wise and year-wise details are given at Annexure-III. Further for construction of godowns and to increase the covered storage capacity, the Government launched the Private Entrepreneur Guarantee (PEG) scheme in 2008. A capacity of about 151 lakh tonnes is to be created in 19 states under the scheme through private entrepreneurs and Central and State Warehousing Corporations as per details at Annexure-IV.

Tenders have been finalized for creation of storage capacity of about 89 lakh tonnes as on 29.02.2012 by the private entrepreneurs. CWC and SWCs are constructing 5.4 and 14.75 lakh tonnes respectively under the Scheme, out of which a capacity of about 5 lakh tonnes has already been completed by CWC/SWCs. State-wise details are shown at Annexure-V. As per the scheme guidelines, the time schedule for completion of godowns is one year, in case of non-railway siding godowns and two years for railway siding godowns. The Government has also finalized a plan for construction of an additional total storage capacity of 5.4 lakh tonnes in the North Eastern States during the XII th Plan period. The details are at Annexure-VI. The Government has also decided to create a storage capacity of two million tonne through construction of silos.

The details of storage capacity constructed by FCI state-wise depending on the availability of land and availability of funds from 2008-09 to 2011-12 is given at Annexure-VII.

The details of the funds released by this Department for construction of godowns to FCI and expenditure made by FCI is at AnnexureVIII.

(e): Periodic maintenance is carried out to maintain the FCI godowns in good condition. The state-wise details of expenditure made by FCI during the last three years and current year is given at Annexure-IX.