

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:728  
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2012  
INSPECTION OF GODOWNS  
Azad Shri Kirti (Jha)

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

- (a) the number of covered and open storage godowns in the country at present;
- (b) the number of inspections carried out at the said storage facilities during the last one year, State-wise;
- (c) the quantity of foodgrains found rotten or missing during the said inspections; and
- (d) the estimated quantity of surplus foodgrains, if any, which remain to be stored in covered godowns?

**Answer**

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

(a): FCI is having total of 2,236 godowns out of which 1,874 are covered (owned & hired) and 362 are CAP {open} (owned & hired) complexes. The statement showing number of covered and open godowns of FCI (Owned & Hired) as on 30.06.2012 is placed at Annexure-I.

(b): A statement showing region-wise number of inspections that have been conducted in Cover And Plinth (CAP) storage sites during 2011-12 is appended as Annexure-II. Norms and periodicity of inspection of covered godowns for ED, field officers of FCI have been laid down. The copy of same is attached at Annexure – III.

(c): A statement indicating region-wise/commodity-wise accrual of damaged/non-issuable foodgrains with FCI during 2011-12 is appended as Annexure-IV.

(d): The method of storage of foodgrains by FCI in covered as well as CAP godowns are scientifically based. The capacity utilization of covered capacity is almost 100 % during procurement season, while storage of wheat temporarily in CAP is a usual practice.

However, in view of unprecedented level of wheat procurement during RMS 2012-13, an evacuation plan for the vulnerable stocks has been drawn.