

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

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

- (a) the details of foodgrains procured annually in Bihar by Central Government/State Government/Food Corporation of India during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)/Bihar State Warehousing Corporation are facing shortage of adequate storage capacity for storing foodgrains;
- (c) if so, whether the Central Warehousing Corporation has not built any godowns in the rural areas of the State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of additional godowns proposed to be built during the next three years;
- (e) whether there have been a delay in payment of procurement price to the farmers in the State; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): The details of food grains procured in Bihar during last three marketing seasons are as under: (fig. in lakh tons)

Khari Marketing Season/ Wheat Rice
Rabi Marketing Season

2009-10 4.97 8.90

2010-11 1.84 8.83

2011-12 5.56 15.34

2012-13 7.72 -

as on 24.08.2012

(b): No Madam. Central Warehousing Corporation(CWC) and Bihar State Warehousing Corporation(BSWC) have adequate storage capacity for safe storage of foodgrain stocks. The CWC has been operating 16 warehouses in Bihar with a total storage capacity of 1.19 lakh tons, with 94% capacity utilization.

The BSWC has been operating 39 warehouses with a total storage capacity of 2.56 lakh tons, with 89% capacity utilization.

(c) & (d) CWC has not built any godown in the State during 2011-12 for want of availability of suitable government land. The Corporation is considering creation of additional storage capacity of 5560 tons in Bihar during 2013-2014.

(e) & (f) No Madam. No such reports have been received from the State.