

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3820  
ANSWERED ON:04.09.2012  
NON FUNCTIONING OF GODOWNS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether despite the shortage of storage capacity and damage to foodgrains, some godowns owned by the public agencies are not functional in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, indicating the number of such godowns along with the storage capacity thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Supreme Court has also issued any instructions in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether any responsibility has been fixed in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken against the persons held responsible in this regard, region-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The total storage capacity available with FCI (owned as well as hired) as on 01.08.12 is 372.79 lakh tonnes (Covered capacity-332.89 lakh tonnes and CAP-39.90 lakh tonnes). The effective utilization of storage capacity available with FCI was 100 % during the month of June 2012 and 96% for the month of July 2012.

The State agencies have a storage capacity of 341.35 lakh tonnes (Covered capacity-194.17 lakh tonnes and CAP-147.18 lakh tonnes) for storage of central pool stocks as on 01.06.12.

Thus, the total storage capacity available with FCI and State agencies for Central Pool Stocks is 714.14 lakh tonnes (Covered godowns-527.06 lakh tonnes and CAP-187.08 lakh tonnes).

All FCI owned godowns are in working conditions except the shell type godowns at FSD Borivili (Mumbai) having a capacity of 15,000 tonnes (3 godowns of 5000 tonnes each) where major repairs are required to make it storage worthy.

FCI also has a Silo/Bins capacity of 4,62,000 tonnes. Out of this, 1,10,000 tonnes are in use for foodgrains and 3,52,000 tonnes are not in use. The details of silos not in working condition and the reasons for their non-utilization are placed at Annexure-I.

(c): No, Madam.

(d), (e) & (f): Do not arise.