

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

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

- (a) the number and storage capacity of private godowns hired by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other public agencies for storage of foodgrains during each of the last three years and the current year along with the rent paid therefor and the norms followed for hiring the said godowns, State-wise;
- (b) whether any action was taken to ensure reduction in rent at the time of hiring these godowns;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the storage capacity proposed/likely to be hired during the ensuing year along with the rent to be paid therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): The State-wise details of number of godowns hired by FCI during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-I to IV. The storage capacity hired from private parties in the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-V to VIII.

The rent paid by FCI for hiring of private godowns during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Amount (in crores)
2009-10	108.76
2010-11	126.80
2011-12	137.69

As regards the norms for hiring of private godowns for the short term is concerned, GMs(Region) /EDs(Zone) of FCI have been delegated with full powers to meet operational requirements on need basis.

Under the Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme for augmenting the covered storage capacity through private entrepreneurs, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs), the FCI guarantees to hire godowns constructed under this scheme for a period of ten years, thereby, ensuring for the investor, a fair return on his investment. The capacities are finalised through a two bid tendering process

(b) & (c): The godowns are hired as per operational needs in a cost effective manner after assessing the condition/location/quality of godowns and prevalent market rent before hiring is finalized. All efforts are made to pay minimum rent.

(d): Short term hiring is done on need based. However under Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee(PEG) scheme a capacity of 45 lakh MT is estimated to be hired in 2012-13 at a rent of about Rs. 28.49 crore.