

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide a special package for construction of godowns in the hilly areas especially in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to allow relaxation in criteria/terms and conditions for creation of godowns in such areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) No, Madam. However, with a view to augment the covered storage capacity, Government is implementing the Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee(PEG) Scheme through private entrepreneurs, Central Warehousing Corporation(CWC) and State Warehousing Corporation(SWCs). As per the scheme guidelines, a capacity of 25000 MTs and 1.425 lakh MTs have been identified for creation in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh respectively. Further, for Himachal Pradesh under Plan Scheme, FCI proposes to create a capacity of 11,020 MT.

(c) & (d) Relaxation of norms have already been allowed. Under the PEG Scheme, in hill areas and in difficult terrain, bidders are allowed to construct godowns of minimum capacity of 1670 MT instead of 5000 MT as in plain areas. Also in view of scarcity of flat land in hilly areas construction of capacities in steps is permitted.