

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

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

- (a) whether a decreasing trend has been observed in the opening of procurement centres by the Food Corporation of India (FCI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the number of centres opened during the last three kharif marketing seasons; and
- (c) the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The number of procurement centres opened directly by Food Corporation of India (FCI) have decreased marginally in the last three years.

The number of centres opened by Food Corporation of India (FCI) are as under:

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
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740	696	684
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The decrease is on account of adoption of Decentralised System of Procurement (DCP) in certain states.

(c) Though the centres opened by FCI have slightly decreased, the total number of centres opened in the country has increased due to adoption of DCP by some states.