

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5599
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2013
CONDITION OF FCI GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated quantum of wheat and rice likely to be available in the Government /FCI Godowns in North-East Region by the end of this financial year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the FCI Godowns in the North Eastern States are in a poor and dilapidated condition;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve the condition of Godowns in NER;
- (d) whether the Government has received any request from Assam to set up new Godowns and additional supply of foodgrains during the current year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a): At the end of financial year 2013-14, a quantity of 2.79 lakh MT of rice and 0.60 lakh MT of wheat is expected to be available in the Government/FCI godowns in North Eastern States. The details are at Annexure.
- (b) & (c): No, Madam, the FCI godowns are maintained as per norms and periodical maintenance is being carried out for its proper upkeep.
- (d) & (e): There is no request from State Government of Assam for setting up of new godowns in the State. However under Plan Scheme, FCI is augmenting the storage capacity available with it in the state. Requests have been received from Government of Assam for additional allocation of 7.14 lakh tonnes of rice and 2.20 lakh tonnes of wheat to meet the shortfall for the current year 2013-14 and additional allocation 35000 tons of rice for keeping as rolling reserve for the upcoming flood season in the State. The request of the State Government of Assam is being examined.