

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

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SHORTAGE OF STORAGE CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total foodgrain storage capacity of Food Corporation of India (FCI) in metric tonnes in the North Eastern region Statewise;
- (b) the details of foodgrains presently stored in these godowns, State-wise;
- (c) whether the condition of godowns in the North Eastern States is very poor and there is a shortage of storage space to store fresh stock;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve the condition of existing godowns and create new storage capacity;
- (e) whether allegations of irregularities and fraud have been made against; the management of the said godowns; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken including action against the management taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The State-wise details of storage capacity available with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in the North Eastern Region as on 30.10.2009 are as under:

Fig. In MTs

State Storage capacity

Assam 267306

Arunachal 21168
Pradesh

Meghalaya 25950

Mizoram 26240

Tripura 50880

Nagaland 29854

Manipur 20590

Total 441988

(b): The State wise details of foodgrains stored in FCI's godowns in the North Eastern Region are as under:

Fig. in MTs

State	Rice Foodgrains	Wheat	Total	Sugar
Assam	115407	25980	141387	13384
Arunachal Pardesh	8949	601	9550	1334
Meghalya	16946	2151	19097	35
Mizoram	15146	1447	16594	1030
Tripura	35632	1862	37494	2075
Nagaland	9902	2656	12598	323
Manipur	18748	0	18748	1664
Total	220730	34697	255427	19845

(c): The condition of the FCI godowns in North Eastern States is satisfactory. However, there is shortage of storage space of 7.35 lakh MT on the basis of 4 months stocking at 75 % utilization.

(d): Under the Plan Scheme for construction of storage godowns, in the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12), the following are the ongoing projects of FCI in North Eastern States:-

1. Bualpui/Mizoram/4590 MTs
2. Badarpurghat/Assam/5000 MTs
3. Hailakandi/Assam/5000 MTs
4. Nandan Nagar/Tripura/2500 MTs
5. Changasari/Assam/50000 MTs

Apart from the above, for North Eastern States there is a provision of Rs.24 crores in the 11th Five Year Plan for construction of godowns by the State Governments. This amount is released as Grants in Aid to State Governments.

(e)&(f): No specific complaints relating to allegations of irregularity and fraud against the management of the said godowns at the regional or zonal levels have been received by the FCI.