

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

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STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS

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

- (a) the number and capacity of godowns in the country, State-wise and agency-wise;
- (b) whether these godowns are inadequate to store the entire agricultural production of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether some godowns are in a dilapidated condition particularly in the States of Orissa and Maharashtra;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government has initiated any steps to improve the infrastructure for storage of foodgrains in the States particularly in Orissa and Maharashtra; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years and the current year?

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 information showing number of godowns with FCI state-wise/agency-wise is given at Annexure-I and the information showing capacity of godowns in the country state-wise /agency-wise is given at Annexure-II.

(b) & (c): As on 31.10.2009, FCI is having 278.59 lakh MT capacity and the total stocks held are to the extent of 214.46 lakh MT. If procurement in RMS 2010-11 follows the trend of previous year, there may be shortage of storage capacity in some States.

(d)&(e): None of the godowns with FCI in Orissa is in dilapidated condition. However in the state of Maharashtra, Silos at Borivili /Manmad and godown at Borivili are not in working condition.

(f): Yes, Madam. During the XI Five Year Plan under the Plan Scheme for construction of storage godowns the Govt. has allocated a total of Rs. 149 crore, out of which Rs. 125 crore will be released to FCI as equity for construction of storage godowns by the FCI in the country and the remaining Rs.24 crore will be released as Grants-in-Aid to North East Region, Sikkim and Jammu & Kashmir for construction of storage godowns

The Government has also formulated a 'Scheme for construction of godowns for FCI - Storage requirement through private entrepreneurs - 2008'. Under the Scheme, the godowns would be constructed through CWC/SWCs for which FCI would guarantee the storage charges. FCI has sanctioned a capacity of 126.35 lakh tonnes under Five Year Guarantee Scheme.

Maharashtra:

In Maharashtra, under the Five Year Guarantee Scheme, the FCI has approved creation of storage capacity totalling 99,500 MTs which is proposed to be constructed by Central Warehousing Corporation and Maharashtra State Warehousing Corporation.

Orissa:

Orissa being a DCP State, FCI has not sanctioned any godown under Five Year Guarantee Scheme.

Under the Plan Scheme in the 11th Five Year Plan, the FCI has undertaken construction of 20,000 MTs of storage space. The details are as under:-

Name of Centre	Capacity in MT	Present Status
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Dungarpalli 10000 MT The work is in progress. The super structure work completed. Capacity likely to be completed by March -2010.

Baripeda 10000 MT The land has been identified and cost of land will be deposited with State Govt shortly.

(g): The details of funds allocated under the plan scheme for construction of godowns during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Rs. In lakh

Name of State	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
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Orissa	Nil	Nil	50	200
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Maharashtra	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
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In addition following expenses have been made for the repair and maintenance of the godowns with FCI in the states of Orissa and Maharashtra:

Rs. In lakh

Name of State	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (Upto Oct-2010)
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Orissa	160	150	125	100
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Maharashtra	350	385	340	375
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