

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6649
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2013
LOSSES IN EXPORT OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether losses were suffered in wheat export during 2012-13 on account of damages during storage and transportation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has devised any methods to check/minimise such losses in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to augment storage capacity in the country?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b)&(c): In view of (a) above, do not arise.

(d): To augment the covered storage capacity, Government is implementing the Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme for construction of godowns through Private Entrepreneur, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs). Construction of godowns in 19 States for an additional capacity of about 197 lakh tons has been approved till 31-3-2013, out of which construction for a capacity of 69.92 lakh tons has been completed. Further, for ensuring long term scientific storage, the Government has also approved construction of 20 lakh tons of storage capacity in silos within the overall sanctioned capacity of the aforementioned PEG scheme.