

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3110
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PROCUREMENT OF POTATO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to procure the potato and some other perishable commodities during current crop season to maintain their price stability;
- (b) whether adequate cold storages have been set-up or proposes to set up to manage the crises;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam. The horticultural produce are procured under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) to protect the growers from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop during the peak arrival when prices tend to fall below economic levels on the request of a State/UT Government. During the current season, no such proposal for procurement of potato and other perishable commodities has been received from any State/UT Government.
- (b) to (d): Yes, Madam. As on 31.12.2008, 5386 cold storages having a capacity of 236.62 lakh MTs are available in the country. The State-wise details of cold storages set up in country is enclosed at Annexure-I