

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4075
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RENTED GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and storage capacity of private godowns hired by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other public agencies during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the rent paid therefor, State-wise;
- (b) whether any action was taken to ensure reduction in rent at the time of hiring of these godowns;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the storage capacity likely to be hired during 2009-10 alongwith the rent to be paid therefor?

Answer

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

(a): The storage capacity hired by Food Corporation of India (FCI) directly from private parties during the last three years and current year along-with rent paid is as under :-

Year as on 31st March. No. of Depots Capacity in '000' MT Rent paid (Rs.in lakh)

2006-07	121	830.4	817.70
2007-08	121	675.90	1287.974
2008-09	219	949.29	4720.818
2009-10 (upto July.09)	186	1081.357	1611.88

Details of year-wise/Regions-wise number of godowns/capacity/hired/rent paid are at Annexure.

(b),(c)&(d): Action is taken at the time of hiring of godowns to ensure hiring at minimum rate. General Manager (Regions) of FCI have been given full powers for hiring of godowns. The General Managers are required to hire the godowns, considering the storage requirement and market rates.

(e): Storage capacity hired by FCI till October 2009 is 125.72 lakh MT. Hiring of additional storage capacity in 2009-10, depends on trend of rice procurement in KMS 2009-10.