

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4697
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GODOWNS FOR FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is facing a shortage of storage space as the present infrastructure is inadequate and the godowns are packed with previous year's produce, leaving no space for the fresh arrivals in the country's food bowl and if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken in this regard;
- (b) whether the Government and the States are unable to provide adequate storage space for new arrivals due to limited infrastructure and increasing procurement and if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken in this regard; and
- (c) if so, whether there is any proposal to invite Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to construct godowns across the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a) & (b): The total capacity available with FCI and State agencies for storage of central pool stocks of foodgrains is 762.87 lakh MT against the stock of 610.37 lakh MT as on 01.07.14. Thus, there is adequate storage capacity in the country for procurement of foodgrains.

(c): No, Madam.