

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:104

ANSWERED ON:15.07.2014

SHORTAGE OF STORAGE FACILITIES

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

(a) whether there are reports of damage, theft and diversion of foodgrains and if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of foodgrains lost along with the action taken in the matter during each of the last three years and the current year, agency-wise;

(b) whether there is shortage of modern scientific godowns to store the foodgrains including lack of a monitoring system for storage and lifting of foodgrains;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the requirement and availability of storage space along with the steps taken for setting up of modern scientific godowns and a monitoring mechanism for the said purpose, agency-wise; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to encourage the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for construction of godowns in the States, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a), (b) (c) & (d):A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO 104 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 15.7.2014 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a): State wise quantity of foodgrains accrued as damaged/non-issuable in storage during last three years and current year in Food Corporation of India (FCI) and action taken is at Annex-I. Details of the theft/pilferage cases in FCI and action taken is at Annex-II

(b):No, Madam.

(c):Does not arise.

(d):The Government is developing godown capacity in Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode under the ongoing Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) scheme. Under the scheme, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) gives guarantee of ten years of assured hiring to private entrepreneurs. A total capacity of 120.30 lakh tons has been completed under the scheme including 91.77 lakh tons by private investors as on 30.6.2014.