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Title: Need to expedite setting up of the proposed hi-tech Central Warehousing Godown at Puthencruz, Ernakulam district, Kerala.

SHRI K. P. DHANAPALAN (CHALAKUDY): As the Government of India is about to ensure sufficient food for all through the Food Security Act, wastage of food grains due to poor storage and transit or on account of theft remains a major issue. Over the past four years, an estimated 600,000 tonnes of food grains have been lost due to poor storage facilities. These types of wastage of food grains may adversely affect the food security of the country. However, comparing the value of the anticipated loss of food grains due to inadequate storage facility, establishment of more godown facilities even with a slight increase in lease rate is need of the hour. If we are able to conserve a considerable amount of food grains through wise measures like the establishment of a number of well equipped godowns, the food grains so saved could be utilized to meet the demand of the country for a few months. A proposal for establishing a Central Warehousing Corporation Godown at Puthencruz, Ernakulam District, Kerala has been forwarded to CWC New Delhi. The location of the proposed Godown is near the N.H. 85. Kochi- Thondi Road (Old NH 49, Kochi- Madurai) The location is also near the proposed Smart City and Petrochemical Complex at Ambalamugal, Vallarpadom International Container Terminal, LNG Terminal Puthuvype etc. The District Collector, Ernakulam has recommended 10% of the market price as Lease for the land proposed for the above godown at Puthencruz.

Hence, I request that Government may take urgent necessary steps for establishing proposed Hi-tech Central Warehousing Godown at Puthencruz, Ernakulam District, Kerala.