

Rice Rotting in a FCI Godown in Delhi

*240. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 21000 tonnes of rice is rotting in just one godown of FCI in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government plan to increase the storing capacity; if so, the year-wise details for the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) and (b) About 21,000 MT of rice has been lying in the Loni Depot of the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) received during 1991-92 and 1994-95. A portion of these consignments have still not been liquidated due to its poor quality at the time of receipt from Punjab, labour problem at the Depot and location of the stocks in a non-rice eating area. The stocks have now been downgraded to 'D' category due to prolonged storage.

(c) Additional storage capacity of 50,000 MTs is proposed to be constructed by the Food Corporation of India in Delhi during the remaining two years of the current Five-Year Plan as follows:—

2000-2001	25,000MTs
2001-2002	25,000 MTs
TOTAL :	50,000 MTs

The plan for creating more storage capacity after 2002 will be framed after the size and shape of the next Five Year Plan has been decided.

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1669. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that accidents in the chemical factories are increasing day by day; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?