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decline in production potential of agricultural land due to continuous use of chemical fertilizers for many years; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the amount of grant which would be paid during 1999-2000 due to high cost of chemical fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) No adverse effects of fertilizers on land and eco-system have been reported by the State Governments.

(b) A budgetary provision of Rs. 13250/- crore has been made during 1999-2000 towards subsidy on urea and concession on decontrolled fertilizers.

Construction of Godowns and Warehouses

977. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for construction of new godown and warehouse all over the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh, to strengthen Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to continue with the centrally sponsored scheme for construction of godowns and purchase of wares etc. in all the States; and

(d) if so, the details of funds allocated for the purpose during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Food Corporation of India (FCI) constructs new godowns depending upon the need and the budgetary allocation. During the current five year Plan (1997-2002), FCI has projected construction of new godowns for a capacity of 4.55 lakh tonnes at 51 centres against an estimated budget of Rs. 100 crores including the following centres in Andhra Pradesh:

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| 1. Nellore | 30,000MT with Railway siding. |
| 2. Amalapuram | 10,000MT |

The Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) has proposed to construct 1.89 lakh tonnes storage capacity at 22 locations throughout the country during the year 1999-2000 including Andhra Pradesh. The centres identified for construction in Andhra Pradesh are given below:

1. Adilabad	5000MT
2. Chityal	5700MT
3. Enumamula (Warangal)	5000MT
4. Vizag. II	10000MT

In addition, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for construction of godowns, financial assistance is provided to the States/UTs for construction of godowns for capacity upto 2000 MT for strengthening of Public Distribution System (PDS). Government of India provide financial assistance to the States/UTs to construct new godowns on the basis of proposals received from them. A provision of Rs., 62.50 crores has been made in the Ninth Plan (1997-2000) under the Scheme. No proposal has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh in the current year. An amount of Rs. 137.40 lakhs has been sanctioned to the State Government for construction 18 godowns during the year 1996-97 and 1997-98.

(c) Yes, Sir., The Centrally Sponsored Schemes for construction of godowns and purchase of vans/trucks in the States/Union Territories are continuing.

(d) the budget provision for Centrally sponsored scheme for construction of godowns for the year 1999-2000 is Rs. 1250 lakhs and for purchase of vans/trucks Rs. 1000 lakhs has been provided for the year 1999-2000.

PDS Norms for cyclone affected Orissa

978. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any relaxation has been effected in the norms of PDS for the affected people of Orissa due to recent Super Cyclone; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN):