

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This Ministry is having following Plan Schemes for increasing the present warehousing capacity for storage of foodgrains (rice, wheat and coarse grains):—

- (i) The food Corporation of India constructs new godowns every year keeping in view the need for the Public Distribution System and availability of plan funds from the Government of India.
- (ii) The Central Warehousing Corporation constructs new warehouses for storage of agricultural produce (in addition to notified commodities, industrial goods, etc.) from out of its own resources.
- (iii) There is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for construction of godowns upto 2,000 MT Capacity especially in remote, hilly, backward and inaccessible areas for strengthening of Public Distribution System. Under this Scheme, financial assistance is given to States in the form of 50% subsidy and 50% loan.

2. Further, the Union Agriculture Ministry has recently approved a Scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for construction/expansion/modernisation of cold storages and storages for horticulture produce.

### **Profit and Losses of Super Bazar**

1694. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the profit and loss position of Super Bazar, Delhi, during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether there have been cases of large scale corruption against the top brass of Super Bazar during the last two years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREE NIVASA PRASAD): (a) The Super Bazar, Delhi has sustained losses during the last three years. The year wise position of losses sustained are as under:

Year	Rs. in lakhs
1996-97 (Audited)	67.65
1997-98 (Audited)	321.33
1998-99 (Tentative)	706.80

(b) to (d) The Super Bazar, Delhi has informed that based on reference from the Ministry investigations in respect of few allegations are in progress. Further action in the matter will be taken after the receipt of the report on investigation.

#### **Revamping of PDS**

†1695. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in Dainik Observer of 24th November, 1999 under the caption, "Total revamp of PDS on cards";

(b) if so, whether Government have taken a decision to bring comprehensive improvements in the present Public Distribution System;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any proposal is being considered with regard to the new or improved system; if so, the broad outlines thereof?

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†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.