

- (a) the permanent and temporary storage capacity of foodgrains in Punjab and Haryana;
- (b) the future policy about increasing the storage capacity in view of huge production in both States;
- (c) whether Government has started constructing more godowns in these States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The storage capacity available with FCI for the States of Punjab & Haryana as on 31.1.2010 is as under:

(Fig. in lakh tonnes)

|         | Covered | Covered & Plinth<br>(CAP) | Total Capacity |
|---------|---------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Punjab  | 62.97   | 9.74                      | 72.71          |
| Haryana | 20.1    | 3.34                      | 23.44          |

(b) to (d) To expedite creation of additional storage capacity, Government has formulated a scheme for construction of godowns for FCI by hiring them on guarantee basis.

The proposals for creation of storage capacity in the various States are considered by the State Level Committee (SLC), and are finally approved by the High Level Committee (HLC) of FCI. The HLC has given its approval for construction of storage godowns for a capacity of 71.25 lakh tonnes and 38.80 lakh tonnes in the States of Punjab and Haryana respectively. FCI will offer a guarantee of 7 years for construction of new godowns under the Scheme. The godowns are to be taken on hire from Private parties through CWC/SWCs (which will be the implementing agency).

It has also been decided that wherever CWC and SWCs have land and if this is at the identified locations and within storage capacity finalized, CWC/SWCs may construct godowns for which FCI will provide 4 years Guarantee.

#### **Stock of wheat and rice in Punjab and Haryana**

1731. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the stock of wheat and rice lying in Punjab and Haryana;
- (b) whether this is the stock of last year's production;

- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) by when the stocks will be shifted;
- (e) whether any programme has been finalized in this regard; and
- (f) the loss occurred due to piling of these stocks in both the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Stock of wheat and rice stored in Food Corporation of India godowns in Punjab and Haryana as on 01.02.2010 is as under:

(Fig.in tonne)

| State   | Wheat    |           | Rice      |          | Paddy    |            |
|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
|         | FCI      | State     | FCI       | State    | FCI      | State      |
|         |          | Agencies  |           | Agencies |          | Agencies   |
| Punjab  | 7,35,256 | 71,51,917 | 39,24,740 | 0        | 2,92,921 | 108,94,747 |
| Haryana | 9,23,566 | 42,89,747 | 8,18,500  | 0        | 1,015    | 7,23,797   |

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The quantity also includes the stocks of last year's production as under:

(Fig. in tonne)

| State   | Marketing Season | FCI      |           |       | State Agencies |          |
|---------|------------------|----------|-----------|-------|----------------|----------|
|         |                  | Wheat    | Rice      | Paddy | Wheat          | Paddy    |
| Punjab  | 2008-09          | 1,65,987 | 20,20,631 | 0     | 15,20,807      | 2,60,760 |
| Haryana | 2008-09          | 2,88,655 | 81,972    | 0     | 4,20,053       | 797      |

(d) and (e) Monthly Movement Plan is prepared by FCI for evacuation of food grains from Punjab and Haryana on the basis of Stock Position, likely Procurement in these States, monthly allocation a offtake etc. On an average FCI moves about 15 to 18 lakh tonne of Wheat and Rice per month from Punjab and Haryana. During the year 2009-10 (upto Feb. 2010), 121.75 lakh tonne of Wheat and 63.66 lakh tonne of Rice was evacuated from these States as against 85.9 lakh tonne of wheat and 58.96 lakh tonne of Rice evacuated during 2008-09 (upto Feb. 2009).

(f) No loss is reported to have occurred due to piling of stocks.

#### Need to review PDS

1732. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: