

(c) the total financial assistance provided by the Centre to the State of Andhra Pradesh under the agricultural censuses conducted so far; and

(d) the findings of the latest agricultural census in respect of the State of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Eight Agriculture Censuses have been conducted so far by the Government of India;

(b) On the basis of available records, the Government of India has spent an amount of Rs. 16891.60 lakhs during the period 1985-86 to 2009-10 on conducting Agriculture Census in the country.

(c) The State of Andhra Pradesh was provided Grants-in-aid to the extent of Rs. 849.10 lakhs during 1985-86 to 2009-10 for conducting the Agriculture Census in the State.

(d) As per the results of Phase-I of the latest Agriculture Census 2005-06 conducted in the country, the State of Andhra Pradesh has 12.04 million operational holdings with 14.49 million hectare operated area. Andhra Pradesh ranked 4th in terms of number of holdings and 5th in relation to the operated area in the country. The average size of holding in the State was 1.20 hectare as compared to 1.25 hectare in 2000-01. The corresponding figures for the country were 1.33 hectare in 2000-01 and 1.23 hectare in 2005-06. The operational holdings of females in Andhra Pradesh in 2005-06 were 2.65 million having 2.61 million hectare of operated area. The corresponding figures for 2000-01 were 2.35 million with 2.38 million hectare.

The distribution of Operational holdings and Operated area according to different size groups of holdings as per Agriculture Census 2005-06 in Andhra Pradesh are as follows:—

Sl. No.	Size Group	Operational holdings (in percentage)	Operated area (in percentage)
1.	Marginal (below 1.00 ha.)	61.58	22.68
2.	Small (1.00 ha. — 2.00 ha.)	21.91	25.75
3.	Semi-medium (2.00 ha. — 4.00 ha.)	11.99	26.47
4.	Medium (4.00 ha. — 10.00 ha.)	4.05	19.04
5.	Large (10.00 ha. and above)	0.47	6.06
6.	All Size Classes	100.00	100.00

Appointment of food inspectors in trains

*312. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality, quantity and price of food served in trains are not upto the expectation of passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to appoint food inspectors in the trains to inspect the quantity, quality, cleanliness and price of the food served in trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (d) In order to ensure complaint free regime it is the endeavour of Indian Railways to provide goods quality, hygienic and affordable food to passengers in trains. For this purpose, the entire Catering Policy of the Railways is presently under review.

Construction of new godowns

*313. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the present foodgrains storage capacity of Government agencies in the country;

(b) whether Government proposes to construct new godowns for safe storage of foodgrains to ensure food security in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any proposals have been received from the State Governments in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken on such proposals?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) As on 15.03.2010, Food Corporation of India is maintaining a total storage capacity of 286.20 lakh tonnes (Covered and CAP) including godowns owned and hired from CWC, SWCs, State Governments and private parties for storage of foodgrains.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Under a plan scheme funds are released as equity of FCI and as Grant in Aid to State Governments of North Eastern Region, Sikkim and Jammu and Kashmir for construction of godowns. A sum of Rs. 56.93 crores has been released under the scheme so far in the Eleventh Plan period upto 2009-10. The Government has also formulated a scheme for construction of godowns through private participation on a guarantee basis.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Government is providing financial assistance in the form of Grants-in Aid to the State Governments of North East Region, Sikkim and Jammu and Kashmir under Plan Scheme for construction of storage godowns, as given in Statement (See below). The Government has received further proposals from State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Jammu and Kashmir which are under examination in consultation with the FCI.