

depot has been taken up through private sector participation on Build-Own-Operate (BOO) basis for FCI. M/s. Adani Exports Limited was selected as Developer-cum-Operator for these projects through a transparent bidding process. Both the base depots and five field depots have been completed.

(c) The total storage capacity available with different Government agencies is 594.26 lakh MTs (including CAP storage) as on 01.03.2010. Out of this, the storage capacity available with FCI is 284.49 lakh MT (255.19 lakh MT covered, 29.30 lakh MT CAP), storage capacity available with CWC is 104.58 lakh MT (80.95 lakh MT covered, 23.63 lakh MT CAP) and storage capacity available with SWCs is 205.18 lakh (195.97 lakh MT covered, 9.21 lakh MT CAP). The Food Corporation of India has informed that the quantum and value of foodgrains damaged during transit and storage during last three years are as follows:

Year	Storage damage (in MTs)	Transit damage (in MTs)	Approx. Value (in Rs. Crore)
2007-08	918	793	5.86
2008-09	2565	589	1.83
2009-10 (upto Feb. 10)	2929	410	1.58
TOTAL	6412	1792	9.27

Claims of AP Markfed

2361. SHRI K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AP Markfed is the nodal agency for procurement of maize under Minimum Support Price (MSP) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Andhra Pradesh Government has made a request to the Central Government to release balance amount of Rs. 54.04 crores to AP Markfed to enable release of food credit by Reserve Bank of India; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Yes, Sir. AP Markfed is one of the Nodal agency for procurement of Maize in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted claims towards procurement of Maize by its Agencies, including AP Markfed, under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations during Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 amounting to Rs. 48 crores. Finalization of the admissible amount against these claims is under active consideration of Government.

Hiring of private godowns by FCI

2362. PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: