

(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.

**Statement**

*The State-wise details of Godowns Sanctioned to the State Governments of  
Assam, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Jammu and Kashmir as  
Grants in Aid for construction of storage godowns (as on 31.03.2010)*

State/Centre	Physical Capacity in MT
1	2
ASSAM	
Amingaon	4000
TOTAL :	4000
MIZORAM	
Champhai	3000
Serchib	3000
TOTAL :	6000
Lunglei	1000
Aibawk	500
Mamit	500
TOTAL :	2000
SIKKIM	
Gyalshing	375
TOTAL :	375
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	
Lethpora	6160
TOTAL :	6160
TRIPURA	
Kanchanpur	1000
Gandacharra	1000
Silachari	500
Ganganagar	500
Chamanu	1000

1	2
Sabroom	1000
Manubazar	500
Rajnagar	500
Ompinagar	1000
Kumarghat	1000
Kamalpur	1000
Belonia	1000
Tellamura	1000
Melagarh	1000
TOTAL :	12000
MEGHALAYA	
Nongstoin	2500
Khanapara	2000
TOTAL :	4500

#### **Wastage of foodgrains**

†\*314. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of foodgrain stocks got wasted due to lack of proper storage, transportation and upkeep every year during the last three years;

(b) the value of foodgrains got so wasted;

(c) the officers found responsible for wastage of foodgrains and the action taken against them;

(d) whether Government will streamline the system in view of the shortage of production of foodgrains; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) No foodgrains had got wasted in the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) due to lack of proper storage, transportation and upkeep during the last three years. However, some quantity of foodgrains with the FCI in the Central Pool was damaged and had become non-issuable

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.