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| 26.     | Tripura                     | — |
| 27.     | Uttarakhand                 | — |
| 28.     | Uttar Pradesh               | — |
| 29.     | West Bengal                 | 1 |
| 30.     | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | — |
| 31.     | Chandigarh                  | — |
| 32.     | Dadra and Nagar Haveli      | — |
| 33.     | Daman and Diu               | — |
| 34.     | Lakshadweep                 | — |
| 35.     | Pondicherry                 | — |
| TOTAL : |                             | 7 |

#### Foodgrain reserves

3127. SHRI K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- the total federal reserve of foodgrains in the country;
- the holding capacity to store and how much of its is stored in the open space;
- the cost of storing the foodgrains and how much is lost in waste; and
- the long term planning proposed to prevent this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIR, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) As on 1.4.2010, the stock of foodgrains in Central Pool was 428.38 lakh tonnes comprising of 267.13 lakh tonnes of rice and 161.25 lakh tonnes of wheat.

(b) The total holding capacity with FCI and the stocks stored under Covered and CAP (Cover And Plinth/open) as on 31-03-2010 is given as under:—

|          | Lakh tonnes |       |        |
|----------|-------------|-------|--------|
|          | Covered     | CAP   | Total  |
| Capacity | 258.59      | 29.77 | 288.36 |
| Stocks   | 216.28      | 9.36  | 225.64 |

(c) The cost of storing foodgrains for the year 2010-2011 is as under:—

Rs./Tonne/Month

**Wheat**

|                | Covered       | CAP           |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Interest       | 118.00        | 117.90        |
| Storage        | 42.90         | 20.80         |
| <b>TOTAL :</b> | <b>160.90</b> | <b>138.70</b> |

**Rice**

|                | Covered       |
|----------------|---------------|
| Interest       | 154.07        |
| Storage        | 42.90         |
| <b>TOTAL :</b> | <b>196.97</b> |

The foodgrains which get damaged and become non-issuable due to various reasons such as, heavy rains, floods, pests, rodents, acceptance of below specifications stocks and due to movement to other regions etc. have been between 20,000 to 34,000 tonnes during the last three years valued at between Rs. 13.03 to 22.33 crores.

(d) The following long term steps/plans have been taken by FCI to prevent/minimize losses of foodgrains:—

1. A total capacity of 127.65 lakh tonnes has been approved to be created under 7 year guarantee scheme for construction of Godowns for FCI.
2. As per the Eleventh Five Year Plan, a capacity of 1,38,770 tonnes is to be created with an estimated cost of Rs. 133 crores.
3. Steps are being taken to modernize storage, transportation and distribution of foodgrains. A pilot project comprising of modern storage in silos and transportation through the specially designed wagons has been undertaken with Base depots in Moga (Punjab) and Kaithal (Haryana) and Field depots at Chennai, Coimbatore, Bangalore, Navi Mumbai and Hooghly. Both the base depots *i.e.* Moga and Kaithal with 2 lakh tonnes capacity each have been commissioned and FCI has started using these silos from May, 2007.

Apart from this, Government of Punjab has also taken an initiative for construction of Silos by floating a tender of 50,000 tonnes storage capacity on Pilot basis for modernization of handling, transportation and storage of foodgrains.