

Foodgrain storage facilities

2946. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's efforts to augment foodgrains storage facilities across the country has failed to make significant headway;

(b) if so, whether certain agencies tasked with the responsibility to construct enough godowns to add the storage capacity in various States have failed to do their job;

(c) if so, whether, in view of the failure of these agencies, Government proposes to set up a separate organization on the lines of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to take up godown construction work; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) No, Sir. As a long-term measure, for augmentation of the storage capacity in the country, the Government has formulated a scheme for construction of storage godowns through private entrepreneurs. Under the scheme the FCI would now give a guarantee of ten years to the Private Entrepreneurs for assured hiring. A capacity of 149.4 lakh tonnes is to be created under the scheme through private entrepreneurs and Central and State Warehousing Corporation. The Central Warehousing Corporation and State Warehousing Corporations have already created a capacity of 46,300 tonnes and 22,500 tonnes respectively under the scheme. FCI has also prepared a shelf of project with an estimated cost of Rs. 133 crores, against an allocation of Rs. 125 crores by the Planning Commission for the godowns to be constructed by FCI in the country including the North-Eastern States during the 11th Five Year Plan. A capacity totaling 1,38,770 metric tonnes is likely to be created out of the funds allocated for construction of godowns by FCI subject to availability of land for the purpose. Details of the godowns to be constructed is given in the statement (see below). The General Manager (Region) of FCI have been given full powers for hiring of private godowns for short term usage.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Statement

*Capacity & expenditure likely to be created in the 11th Five Year Plan 2007-12 against
the godowns packed up in shelf of project by FCI*

(Capacity in MT) (Expenditure Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	Centre/State/Capacity	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
		Capacity	Exp.	Capacity	Exp.	Capacity	Exp.	Cap.	Exp."	Cap.	Exp.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1.	Chaulkhowa/Assam/4170MT	2500	9.91								
2.	Bualpui/Mizoram/5000 MT	4590	72.21		22.42						
3.	Tumkar/Karnataka/15000MT	5000									
4.	Badarpurghat/Assam/5000	5000	57.74		14.85						
5.	Nandan Nagar/Tripura/2500		23.68	2500	64.46		15				
6.	Dungripally/Orissa/10000				33.12	9170	203				
7.	Hailakandi/Assam/5000				0.51		200	5000	35		
8.	Kohima/Nagaland/5000		50.21				150	5000	250		
9.	Dimapur/Nagaland/5000										
10.	Jiribam/Manipur/7500						30	2500	125	2500	125
11.	Senapati/Manipur/5000						87	5000	250		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
12.	Churachandpur/Manipur/2500						33	2500	125		
13.	Changsari/Assam/50000 + 50000 (with siding)				1366		400		1500	25000	1500
14.	Jorthang/Sikkim/5000							5000	250		
15.	Lakshadweep/UT/2500				38.70	1250	200	1250	180		
16.	Bhawrarana (Palampur)/HP/334 0						100			3340	200
17.	Kinnaur/H.P/1670						100	1670	100		
18.	Mandi/HP/5000						100	2500	150	2500	150
19.	Nagrota Bagwan/HP/5000						100	2500	150	2500	150
20.	Mohania/Kaimur/Bihar25000 (with siding)						247	5000	200	10000	400
21.	Baripada/Orissa/10000						50	5000	200	5000	200
22.	Jalpaiguri/W.Bengal/10000										
23.	Srinagar Valley/ Badgaon/J&K/20000 (with siding)								1650	5000	300
24.	Pulwama/J&K/2500										
25.	Udhampur/J&K/15000 (with siding)								350	10000	700
26.	Karimganj/Assam/5000										
27.	Kokrajhar/Assam/5000										

28.	Nowgaon/Assam/25000 (with siding)										
29.	Dibrugarh/Assam/25000 (with siding)										
30.	Fakiragram/Assam/5000										
31.	Kumarghat/Manipur/5000										
32.	Dimaaur/Nagaland/5000										
33.	Bhagmara/South Garo Hill/2500										
34.	Shillong/Meghalaya/5000										
35.	Bilaspur/HP/5000										
36.	Nahan/HP/5000										
37.	Shimla/HP/5000										
38.	Chakradharpur/Jharkhand/15000										
39.	Mancheswar/Orissa/10000										
40.	Balod/Chhattisgarh/15000										
41.	Akaltara/Chhattisgarh/10000										
42.	Bhandara/Maharashtra/10000										
43.	Others		219.76		66.02						
TOTAL		17090	433.51	2500	1606.08	10420	2015	42920	5515	65840	3725

Total Capacity likely to be created - 1,38,770 MT

Total likely expenditure - Rs. 13,294 lakhs or say Rs.133 crores