

However, there is no proposal to entrust the distribution of foodgrains under TPDS to NGOs.

(d) As reported by Food Corporation of India (FCI), all godowns are being constructed scientifically and strictly as per the ISI code 607-1971 and also as per CPWD specifications/guidelines. It has also been reported that all godowns in Gujarat Region are in presentable condition and are being maintained properly.

**Stock of foodgrains available with Government**

1138. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of rice and wheat available with Government as on 30 September, 2010;

(b) whether the Supreme Court directed Government to distribute the surplus foodgrains, available in the stock, free of cost to the needy persons;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to implement this order; and

(d) the balance stock available with Government as on 31 October, 2010 after release of additional foodgrains as above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The stock position of foodgrains (wheat and rice) in the Central Pool as on 30 September, 2010 was 462.21 lakh tons (277.77 lakh tons of wheat and 184.44 lakh tons of rice).

(b) and (c) In pursuance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's suggestion, the Government has made a special adhoc allocation of 25 lakh tons of foodgrains to States/UTs in September, 2010 for BPL families at BPL issue prices for distribution for 6 months.

(d) Stock of food grains in the Central Pool are formed by the quantities of rice, wheat and coarse grains procured during the kharif and rabi procurement years. It includes stocks held by State Agencies on behalf of FCI. Allocation of food grains under TPDS are made for every month. Inflow and outflow of stocks in the Central Pool is a continuous process all over the year. The stock position of foodgrains (wheat and rice) in the Central Pool as on 31 October, 2010 was 487.31 lakh tons (255.58 lakh tons of wheat and 231.73 lakh tons of rice).