

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Rent paid to CWC/SWC/ Govt. godowns	Maintenance cost incurred in FCI owned Godowns
2009-10	660.89	64.70
2010-11	758.82	71.57
2011-12	974.47	81.37
2012-13 (RE)	1294.66	122.08

Quantum of wheat export

‡2204. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had given the responsibility of export of wheat to Government institutions;

(b) if so, the quantity of wheat exported by them during the year 2012-13 and the quantity of wheat export approved by Government;

(c) whether Government is now considering to give this responsibility of export of wheat to private sector; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The Government has allowed export of wheat from Central Pool stocks through the Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) namely State Trading Corporation of India Ltd.(STC), Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation Ltd.(MMTC) and Projects and Equipment Corporation of India Ltd (PEC) of the Department of Commerce. A total of 45 lakh tons is to be exported upto 30-6-2013, out of which as on 12-3-2013, a quantity of 25.58 lakh tons has been exported.

(c) and (d) Export of wheat by private sector is going on under Open General Licence (OGL) since 09-09-2009. However, Government has decided 'in principle' to allow export of wheat from Central Pool stocks through private sector as an

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additional channel for export. This is in view of surplus stocks of wheat in the Central Pool in Punjab and Haryana, constraints in long term storage and prospects of the good Rabi crop this year.

Storage facilities for foodgrains

2205.DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of wheat and rice during the last three years;
- (b) the annual requirement for consumption in the country;
- (c) the present stock position of foodgrains with Government agencies;
- (d) the present storage facilities and the actual requirements;
- (e) the quantum of foodgrains got rotten, due to shortage of storage facilities throughout the country; and
- (f) the steps taken by Government to increase storage capacities and achievement thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The total estimated production of wheat and rice during the last three years is as under:

(In Million tons)			
Commodity/year	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Rice	89.10	95.98	105.31
Wheat	80.80	86.87	94.88

During the year 2012-13, the requirement of foodgrains for annual allocation under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) is 627.67 lakh tons.

(c) The stock of foodgrains in the central pool as on 1.3.2013 is 628.72 lakh tons.

(d) As on 31.12.2012 about 718 lakh tons of storage capacity is available for storage of central stock of foodgrains comprising of 376.19 lakh tons storage