

infrastructure for post-harvest management and marketing. In order to improve the availability of vegetables. Government initiated schemes like Vegetable Initiative for Urban Clusters (VIUC) under the aegis of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with the objective to address concerns related to both demand and supply side of the vegetable sector in selected cities.

**Vending machines for distributing wheat, rice and pulses under PDS**

\*131. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is considering to install vending machines for wheat, rice and pulses like Mother Dairy outlets, where people get milk through tokens, for bringing more transparency in PDS Scheme in the country; and

(b) If so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS) : (a) and (b) No. Sir, there is no such proposal under consideration.

**Storage capacity of FCI**

\*132. SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether storage capacity of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) stood at 33.6 million tonnes as of June, 2012 and the procured stock already was at an alarming 66.8 million tonnes which led to a huge wastage of foodgrains; and

(b) the manner in which Government would address the problem of inadequate storage facility in view of requirements of the National Food Security Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS) : (a) The total storage capacity available with FCI for Central food stocks as on 30.06.2012 was 70.57 million