

(CWC) and State Agencies for guaranteed hiring by FCI. A capacity of 138.51 lakh MT has already been completed as on 30.06.2017.

- (ii) **Central Sector Scheme:** This scheme is focussed on the North Eastern States. Funds are released by the Government to FCI and also directly to the State Governments for construction of godowns. During Twelfth Five Year Plan, a capacity of 1,17,680 MT in North Eastern (NE) States and 20,000 MT in other than NE States has been completed by FCI. Further, a capacity of 46,495 MT has been created by State Governments.
- (iii) **Construction of steel silos:** Government of India has also approved action plan for construction of steel silos in the country for a capacity of 100 LMT in 3 phases. Against the target of 36.25 LMT for selection of silo operators in Phase-I, tenders have been awarded for 37.50 LMT. Further, 6.25 LMT silos have been added under the above action plan, in addition to 5.5 LMT silos already available with FCI.

**Making Post Offices compatible for physically challenged persons**

1524. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has received official notification with regard to making Post Offices compatible for the physically challenged persons with wheel chair;
- (b) whether despite repeated requests and reminders, the Post Office at HAL, Bengaluru Karnataka has refused to make its Post Office compatible for the physically challenged persons with wheel chair; and
- (c) the action the Ministry has proposed against those responsible for such negligence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Posts has received official notification from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment regarding provisions for making Government buildings accessible for persons with disabilities.

(b) The plinth level of the HAL Post Office is very low and there is no obstruction for movement of wheel chair. Thus, it is easily accessible to the physically challenged persons with wheel chair. No requests/complaints have been received about any inconvenience faced by physically challenged persons with wheel chair visiting the HAL Post Office.

- (c) In view of the above stated facts no such action is mandated.