

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

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FORMULATION OF NATIONAL STORAGE POLICY  
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

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

- (a) whether the Government have formulated a 'National Storage Policy' with a view to give infrastructure status to bulk handling of foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether private parties are being encouraged to set up godowns under the scheme;
- (d) if so, whether fiscal and other incentives are given to them to attract investment in construction of godowns; and
- (e) the total amount earmarked, sanctioned and spent under the scheme so far?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI S L MAHARIA )

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The details of the policy are:-

- (i) encouragement of mechanical harvesting; cleaning and drying at farm and market level.
- (ii) transportation of grains from farm to silos by specially designed trucks.
- (iii) construction of a chain of silos at receipt as well as distribution points.
- (iv) transportation of grain from silos to railhead and thereafter to pre-determined destinations by specially designed trucks/ rail wagons (with top filling and bottom discharge mechanism)/dedicated trains.
- (v) declaration of foodgrains storage as infrastructure.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d)&(e): The FCI will give business guarantee for utilization of space for a period of seven years. The investment would be made by private parties.