

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

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WHEAT STORAGE

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme for keeping the wheat of the farmers in Government godowns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the benefits farmers are likely to get under the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a): Central Warehousing Corporation and State Warehousing Corporations have formulated schemes for keeping the agriculture produce of farmers including wheat in Government godowns.
- (b): Farmers may store their wheat and other agricultural produce in Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) warehouses as well as State Warehousing Corporation warehouses.
- (c):
 - (i) CWC allows 30% rebate in applicable storage charges for the benefit of the farmers for their stocks stored in CWC warehouses.
 - (ii) Credit facilities/soft loan are provided to the farmers by the banks on the strength of the warehouse receipt issued by CWC against their deposit.
 - (iii) Wheat is stored in scientific manner and storage losses are minimized.