

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop modern warehousing infrastructure across the country;
- (b) if so, the locations identified and the amount earmarked therefor, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which the new warehousing infrastructure is likely to be put in place?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Development of modern warehousing infrastructure is an on-going policy of the Government. It consists in construction, establishment and maintenance of warehouses with latest available technology, scientifically as per prescribed standards which have been evolved keeping in view specific storage requirements and prevailing climatic conditions. Towards this end, the Government has approved the National Policy on Handling, Storage and Transportation of foodgrains in June 2000 under which integrated bulk handling, storage and transportation facilities are to be created at identified locations through private sector participation on Build-Own-Operate (BOO) basis.

(b): The locations finalized under the BOO Scheme are as follows:-

The base depots are to be located at Moga and Kaithal and the field depots for these are at Chennai/Coimbatore/Banglore and Navi Mumbai/Hoogli, respectively. Since the project is to be implemented through private sector participation, there is no need to earmark any amount, State wise.

(c): The BOO Project is to be implemented in 36 months from the date of signing of service agreement on 28th June, 2005.