

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

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FACILITY FOR STORAGE OF FARMERS WHEAT
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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 any scheme for storing the wheat of farmers in public godowns ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The benefits likely to accrue to the farmers under the said scheme ?

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) : 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 Corporations (SWCs) 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 also 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.