

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

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GRAIN BANKS

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

(a) whether Village Grain Banks have been set up in all States under Antyodaya Anna Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the names of States where Village Grain Banks have not been established yet; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to set up Grain Banks for providing food security to the poor in the country?

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), (b) & (c): The Village Grain Banks have been sanctioned by the Department of Food & Public Distribution in 17 States so far. A statement showing the number of Village Grain Banks sanctioned/established is annexed.

(d): The progress regarding establishment of Village Grain Banks is being reviewed periodically and the state Governments are requested to expedite setting up of the Village Grain Banks sanctioned to them. On receipt of the proposals from the States, additional Village Grain Banks are going to be sanctioned under the scheme during the current five-year plan.