

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the requirement of additional storage capacity in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof alongwith the steps taken for its implementation; and
- (c) the assistance provided to Punjab for creation of fresh storage space?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. The FCI entrusted a study, to National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) to assess the additional storage capacity to be created during 11th Five Year Plan. The MANAGE in its report has identified a gap of 89.42 lakh tonnes of storage capacity for the entire country. With the inclusion of 50 lakh tonnes of foodgrains as strategic reserve the total storage gap come to about 140 lakh tonnes.

To bridge the storage gap in the long term, the Government has formulated a Scheme for construction of godowns for FCI through private entrepreneurs. Under the Scheme, FCI would give a guarantee of 10 years for the use of the godowns constructed. About 149.40 lakh tonnes of additional capacity has been identified in the country for construction under the Scheme, which includes a capacity of 51.25 lakh tonnes for Punjab.