

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:286

ANSWERED ON:25.11.2014

CREATION OF STORAGE SPACE .

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

- (a) whether there are reports of damage to foodgrains on account of open and unsafe storage due to shortage of modern and safe storage space;
- (b) if so, the details regarding requirement, availability and utilisation of storage capacity in the country along with the quantum of foodgrains procured, stocks held and quantum and value of foodgrains damaged during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to provide subsidised and interest free loans for construction of godowns and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to involve private sector in augmenting the storage space and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken for creation of additional safe and scientific storage space to check recurrence of such damages indicating the financial and technical assistance provided for the purpose?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a)&(b): No Madam. There are no reports of damage to foodgrains on account of open and unsafe storage due to shortage of modern and safe storage space.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Yes, Madam. The Government is involving the Private parties through the Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme under which a capacity of 202.22 Lakh MT has been approved for construction of godowns in PPP mode across 20 States. Out of the sanctioned capacity of 152.76 LMT under PEG Scheme, a capacity of 116.39 Lakh MT has been sanctioned for private investors through a transparent tender based process; out of which 92.98 Lakh MT has been completed. Of the above 202.22 LMT capacity, 20 LMT is to be constructed as Silos on a Public Private Partnership basis.

(e): No damages have been reported on account of shortage of scientific storage space.