GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2335
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH MAY, 2016

STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS

2335. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the requirement of storage of foodgrains in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The maximum requirement of storage capacity for Central Pool stocks in the country has been assessed to be around 600 lakh MT on the basis of stock levels during peak procurement season. The stock level of Central Pool foodgrains in 2015 ranged from a minimum of 343.15 lakh MT as on 01.04.2015 to a maximum of 568.34 lakh MT as on 01.06.2015. As on 01.04.2016, Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State agencies together have a total storage capacity of 814.84 Lakh MT (FCI – 357.89 LMT & State agencies – 456.95 LMT) and the central pool stock was 366.99 Lakh MT. Thus on the overall, there is sufficient storage capacity in the country.

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