

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1843
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH MARCH, 2020

CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL SILOS

1843. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has achieved the projected target of construction of steel silos of 100 LMT capacities as projected to be achieved by 2020, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether there was any monitoring mechanism to check the implementation of the scheme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has State-wise data of steel silo construction by FCI in the last five years, if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)

(a): As on 02.03.2020, locations for construction of steel silos of total capacity 82.75 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) (comprising 82.50 LMT wheat silos and 0.25 LMT rice silos) have been finalized. Out of this, a capacity of 7.25 LMT has been completed and work has been awarded for 35.50 LMT. In other locations, challenges like land acquisition, requirement of particular shape and size of contiguous land parcel with 1.5 Km railway siding/approach road etc. have been faced.

(b): State Level Committees (SLCs) and High Level Committee (HLC) have been constituted to look into the various issues pertaining to silos like storage scenario, policy changes, contract disputes etc. Regular meetings are held to look into the issues pertaining to implementation of silos.

Further, regular review meetings are held by the Government/Food Corporation of India (FCI) at appropriate levels for construction of steel silos.

Further, there is a provision of Independent Engineer & Auditor (IE&A) who reviews and supervises the silos during the construction and operation period.

(c): During the last 5 years, a total capacity of 1.25 LMT has been created by FCI in Punjab comprising Kotkapura (0.25 LMT), Barnala (0.50 LMT) and Patiala (0.50 LMT).
