

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1990  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2022

**STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS**

1990 SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM:

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

- (a) the gap between requirement for storage of foodgrains and storage capacity;
- (b) the expected spending for developing the largest grain storage capacity;
- (c) the current wheat stocks in the Central pool in comparison with last year; and
- (d) the current cereal stocks in comparison with last five years?

**A N S W E R**  
**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND**  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
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(a): The storage capacity is around 713 Lakh MT in Central Pool. At present, capacity utilization is 42%.

(b): The Department through, FCI continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on the storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/ hired. FCI is augmenting its storage capacity through following schemes :-

- 1.Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme
- 2.Centre Sector Scheme (CSS).
- 3.Construction of SILO's under PPP mode
- 4.Hiring of godown from CWCs/SWCs/State Agencies
- 5.Hiring of godown through Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS)

The level of spending depends on the appraisal of the storage project.

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(c): The stock of wheat in the Central Pool as on 01.12.2022 was 190.27 lakh MT in comparison to the stock of 378.53 LMT during previous corresponding period.

(d): The actual stock of foodgrains (wheat, rice and coarse-grain) in Central Pool from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 onward are given below:

(Figs. In Lakh MT)

AS ON	Total Foodgrains Stocks
1.12.2018	456.18
1.12.2019	567.75
1.12.2020	522.95
1.12.2021	593.10
1.12.2022	308.59

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