

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.80
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2024

PLANS TO INCREASE CAPACITY OF WAREHOUSES

80 SHRI RAVICHANDRA VADDIRAJU:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to increase the present capacity of warehouses in the country and embarking on its implementation first in some selected districts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any district in the State of Telangana has been selected for this purpose, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the quantum of funds earmarked for this purpose and the funds released to States so far?

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MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC
DISTRIBUTION AND TEXTILES
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. *80 FOR ANSWER ON 09.02.2024 IN THE RAJYA SABHA

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir.

As far as, Department of Food & Public Distribution is concerned, as on 01.01.2024, covered storage capacity available with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State agencies for storage of Central Pool Food grain stock, for distribution through Public Distribution System is 762.36 Lakh MT against stored stock of 341.01 LMT.

The requirement of Storage capacity in FCI depends upon the level of procurement, requirement of buffer norms and PDS operations for mainly Rice and Wheat. FCI continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on the storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/hired through following schemes:-

1. Construction of Silos under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode
2. Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme under PPP mode
3. Central Sector Scheme (CSS) "Storage & Godowns" focus on North East
4. Hiring of godown from CWCs/SWCs/State Agencies
5. Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS)
6. Creation of godowns under Asset Monetization.

Further, in order to address the shortage of storage capacity for food grains in the country, the Ministry of Cooperation, on 31.05.2023, has approved the Plan for the "World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector", which has been rolled out as a Pilot Project. The Plan entails creation of various agri infrastructure at Primary Agricultural Credit Societies(PACS) level, including warehouses, custom hiring center, processing units, Fair Price Shops, etc. through convergence of various existing schemes of the Government of India. Gambirraopet PACS of Karimnagar district in the State of Telangana is a part of the pilot project.
