

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3395
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST APRIL, 2025

GRANARIES FOR STORAGE OF GRAINS

3395 # MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of *Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Government has a plan to build granaries for storage of grains in every block of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to adopt PPP model to increase the number of granaries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) & (b): The Central Government, on 31.5.2023, approved the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector, which has been rolled out as a Pilot Project. It entails creation of godowns and other agri infrastructure at Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) level, including processing units, custom hiring center, etc. through convergence of various existing schemes such as Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME), Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), etc. This plan is being implemented by Ministry of Cooperation. Under the Pilot Project, construction of godowns has been completed in 11 PACS of 11 States and a total storage capacity of 9750 MT has been created.

(c) & (d): Food Corporation of India (FCI) under Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD), mainly stores food grains (wheat & rice) after procurement for Public Distribution System (PDS) and for maintaining buffer stock, to ensure food security in the country. FCI augments its storage capacity through several schemes, including Public Private Partnership (PPP) model schemes as outlined below:-

1. Construction of Silos
2. Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme
3. Asset Monetization Scheme
4. Hiring of godown under Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS)
