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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3401
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST APRIL, 2025

STORAGE FACILITIES FOR FOOD GRAINS IN ODISHA

3401 **SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN:**

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

- (a) the total storage capacity for food grains in Odisha under the Food Corporation of India (FCI);
- (b) whether there is a shortage of storage facilities in the State;
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to expand storage infrastructure, including the construction of new godowns; and
- (d) the amount of food grains lost due to inadequate storage facilities in Odisha during the last five years?

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(a) to (c): Odisha is a Decentralised Procurement (DCP) State. The state Government procures, stores and distributes foodgrains as per their National Food Security Act (NFSA)/ Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) requirement. Food Corporation of India (FCI) comes into picture in case of less procurement wherein shortfall is bridged by inducting stock or excess procurement wherein excess stock is moved to deficit areas.

As on 01.02.2025, 6.47 LMT Covered storage capacities is available with FCI (Owned-3.65 LMT & Hired-2.82 LMT) and 6.12 LMT is with the State agencies in Odisha for storing of Central Pool foodgrain stocks.

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Food Corporation of India (FCI) 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.

Requirement of Storage capacity in FCI depends upon the level of procurement, requirement of buffer norms and Public Distribution System (PDS) operations for food grains (Rice and Wheat). FCI continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on the requirement and storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/hired through following schemes at a Pan India level including Odisha:-

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

(d): No foodgrains were lost due to inadequate storage facilities in Odisha during the last five years.
