

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.834
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2025

PLANS TO INCREASE WAREHOUSE CAPACITY

834 **SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:**

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 across the country, including Punjab and other States;
- (b) the steps being taken to implement this plan;
- (c) the quantum of funds earmarked for this purpose; and
- (d) the amount of funding released to States so far for the expansion of warehouse capacity?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
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(a) & (b): Food Corporation of India (FCI) mainly stores wheat & rice after procurement for PDS (Public Distribution System) operations and to maintain buffer stock. As on 01.01.2025, total Covered Storage Capacity available with FCI and State agencies throughout the country for storage of Central Pool foodgrain stock is 791.51 Lakh MT.

Further, 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 Punjab:-

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1. Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme
2. Central Sector Scheme (CSS) "Storage & Godown" 2017-25
3. Construction of Silos under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode
4. Hiring of godown from Central warehousing Corporation (CWC)/State Warehousing Corporations(SWCs)/State Agencies
5. Hiring of godown through Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS).
6. Creation of godowns under Asset Monetization Plan

(c): As per the Financial Outlay approved by the Ministry, Rs. 359.64 Cr for North-East region and Rs. 103.30 Cr for Other than North-East Region has been earmarked to FCI for construction of godowns under Central Sector Scheme for the period of year 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2025.

Further, a total of Rs. 76.01 Cr. has been earmarked to the State Governments for construction of godowns.

In case of other Schemes, the expenditure on Capital Investment is borne by private investor in case of PPP mode construction and through Capital Expenditure by CWC in some cases.

(d): Under Central Sector Scheme (2017-2025) (from 01.04.2017 to 31.01.2025) an equity of Rs. 300.11 Cr for North-East region and an equity of Rs. 95.86 Cr for other than North-East region has been released to the FCI.

Further an amount of funding released to the State Govts of NE regions is Rs. 70.89775 Cr.
