

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1801  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2025**

**FCI STORAGE CAPACITY IN WEST BENGAL**

**1801 SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:**

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

- (a) the total storage capacity of FCI in West Bengal, along with the exact capacities and locations of major godowns and depots at Dankuni, Haldia, Durgapur, Siliguri, Asansol, Kolkata (Rice Mill Street), Kalyani, Alipurduar, Malda and Bankura;
- (b) whether FCI has undertaken projects to modernise, digitise and augment storage infrastructure in the State, including silos, CAP upgrades, new warehouses and depot mechanisation;
- (c) the details, timelines, land availability issues, delays or State-level non-cooperation affecting these projects; and
- (d) the funds allocated and spent during the last five years, year-wise and district-wise, including audit observations on shortages, damage or stock-movement inefficiencies?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
**(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)**

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(a): The total gross storage capacity of FCI in West Bengal is 9.52 LMT. Details of capacity is at **Annexure-I**.

(b): FCI has successfully rolled out various schemes towards modernization, digitization and augmenting storage infrastructure.

FCI has also successfully rolled out the Depot Darpan Portal across the Country including West Bengal whereas the depot infrastructure, manpower and Stock safety and environmental safety are some key areas that are focused upon. Silo is also operational at 02 locations (Bandel and Balurghat) having total capacity of 0.75 LMT.

Silos are constructed in PPP mode.

(c): The Government through FCI undertakes regular maintenance work which is recurring in nature (i.e. ARMO Work) and regular upgradation of road work by providing CC and replacement of roof by providing profile sheet throughout the Depot of West Bengal region.

(d): The projects/initiatives stated at point (a) to (c) above initiated in different modes, construction of silos in Public Private Partnership(PPP) mode, smart warehouse project and Depot Darpan in CWC through its own fund and in FCI it is being carried out through fund allocated by DFPD.

Civil engineering division has undertaken only regular maintenance work which is recurring in nature (i.e. ARMO Work) and regular upgradation of road work by providing CC and replacement of roof by providing profile sheet throughout the Depot of West Bengal region.

Further, audit observations on shortages, damage or stock-movement inefficiencies are at **Annexure-II**.

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**Annexure-I**

The presence of FCI in the major locations pointed out are as follows:

<b>Sl.no.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Name of the Center</b>	<b>Capacity ( in MT)</b>
1.	Dankuni	FSD Dankuni	25060 MT
2.	Haldia	-	-
3.	Durgapur	FSD Durgapur	28790 MT
4.	Siliguri	CSD Dabgram	53306 MT
5.	Asansol	FSD Sitarampur	8890 MT
6.	Kolkata (Rice Mill Street)	FSD OJM	50074 MT
7.	Kalyani	FSD Kalyani	104565 MT
8.	Alipurduar	-	-
9.	Malda	FSD Mangalbari	29400 MT
10.	Bankura	FSD Bikna	28910 MT

**Annexure-II**

<b>Gist of Para</b>	<b>Period</b>
Shortfall in movement plan resulted in incurrence of avoidable expenditures on account of transportation cost from RH purulia to FSD Balrampur	04/2019 to 03/2024
Misappropriation of stock valuing Rs. 21.45 lakh at FSD Balrampur under Divisional Office Purulia	04/2019 to 03/2024
Additional burden of overtime allowance of Rs.7.80 lakh due to excess detention of rake due to fault of contractor and non recoverability there of.	2019-20 to 2024-25
Ref number: OBS-1241405, Para no. 02: Lack of internal control in depot operation resulted in loss of Rs. 16.50 lakh due to abnormal storage loss and full bag shortage at CSD Dabgram.	04/2019 to 03/2023
Para-I: Failure to opt for development of Midnapore Railway Siding resulted in incurrence of avoidable transportation expenditure of Rs.19.09 crore.	04/2019 to 03/2023
Non persuasion for direct placement of rakes, without involvement of Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT) resulted in avoidable expenditure towards Terminal Charges, Haulage Charges and Consolidated Charges amounting to Rs.15.94 Crore during 2020-21 to 2022-23.	04/2020 to 03/2023
Para 3. Excess payment of Rs. 82.54 lakh to Transport Contractor (M/S Sunrise Carriers) towards transportation charges for diverted route.	04/2013 to 03/2021
Irregularity noticed regarding shortage of 802 bags	2020-21