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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 208
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2025

STORAGE CAPACITY IN NORTHERN KARNATAKA

208 **SHRI IRANNA KADADI:**

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

- (a) the status of the establishment of new warehouses and silos by FCI or the private sector in Karnataka, particularly in North Karnataka;
- (b) the total foodgrain storage capacity (FCI and State agencies) available in Belagavi district, whether it is sufficient;
- (c) whether there are any proposals to upgrade FCI depots in Belagavi;
- (d) the steps Ministry is taking to support the procurement of Jowar and other millets from farmers in Belagavi under MSP; and
- (e) the status of the proposal to supply fortified rice in all PDS schemes across Karnataka?

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(a): Food Corporation of India (FCI) mainly stores wheat & rice after procurement for Public Distribution System (PDS) operations and to maintain buffer stock.

As on 01.11.2025, 10.44 LMT covered storage capacities is available with FCI (Owned – 4.61 LMT & Hired-5.83 LMT) in Karnataka for storing of Central Pool foodgrains stocks.

Further, one silo of 25,000 MT capacity is operational in Bangalore, for storage of wheat, since 2008.

In addition to that, additional capacities at 6 locations are being constructed in Karnataka on FCI's own land, under Asset Monetization Plan, as listed below :-

- FSD* Raichur 50,000 MT
- FSD Bellary 50,000 MT
- FSD Bommapur 40,000 MT
- FSD Tavarekoppa 28,340 MT

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- FSD Kushalnagar 4,620 MT
- FSD Maddur 1,670 MT

* Food Storage Depot

(b): (i) The total foodgrains storage capacity available/ hired by FCI in Belagavi district are as under:

- Food Storage Depot, Belagavi (24,000 MT)
- State Warehousing Corporation Warehouse, Belagavi (8,250 MT)
- Private Warehousing Scheme Warehouse, Belagavi (25,000 MT)
- Private Warehousing Scheme Warehouse, Chikkodi (27,562 MT)

(ii) The available storage capacity is insufficient as per the prevailing storage gap assessment.

(c): The FCI owns a 24,000 MT depot at Belagavi. The upgradation work comprising replacement of Asbestos Cement roof sheets with Pre-Painted Galvanised Iron (PPGI) colour-coated profile sheets and painting of godowns and ancillary structures is in progress and the roof sheet replacement work of 11 out of 12 compartments is completed.

The depot complex is having approx. 75% Cement Concrete Road and for upgradation of the balance 25% portion of bituminous road to Cement Concrete road, administrative approval has been accorded.

(d): Government of India has put in place a transparent and uniform policy for procurement of foodgrains at Minimum Support Price (MSP) with the objective of ensuring remunerative prices to farmers and preventing distress sale. MSP for Jowar and other coarse grains is announced prior to each Kharif season based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP). MSP is uniform across the country and not State- or district-specific.

Procurement of coarse grains, including Jowar, is undertaken by State Government agencies and inducted into the Central Pool only based on the proposal received from the State Government and subsequent approval of the Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD).

(e): To combat anaemia and other micronutrient deficiencies, the Government of India is supplying fortified rice under PMGKAY and in Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) in all States and Union Territories (UTs) including Karnataka. In October 2024, the Cabinet has approved the continuation of this initiative across the country as the Central Sector Initiative (fully funded by the Government) up to December 2028.
