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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1005
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JULY, 2026

SCIENTIFIC STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS

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

- (a) total quantity of foodgrains procured, stored and available with Food Corporation of India (FCI) as on date, indicating quantity stored in silos, covered godowns and Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage, respectively;
- (b) the quantity of foodgrains that has deteriorated or become unfit for human consumption during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise, along with reasons;
- (c) whether Government proposes to phase out CAP storage and augment scientific storage infrastructure, including silos and mechanised warehouses, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has considered distributing surplus foodgrain free of cost or at subsidised rates to poor and vulnerable families instead of allowing stocks to deteriorate, the details thereof?

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(a): The quantity of wheat procured during the last three Rabi Marketing Seasons (RMS) is as follows:

Marketing Season	Wheat Procured (in LMT)
RMS 2024-25	266.05
RMS 2025-26	300.35
RMS 2026-27	357.57

The quantity of paddy procured during the last three Kharif Marketing Seasons (KMS) and the current season is as follows:

Marketing Season	Paddy Procured (in LMT)
KMS 2022-23	808.45
KMS 2023-24	782.25
KMS 2024-25	822.80
KMS 2025-26 (up to 22.07.2026)	836.36

Under the guidelines for allocation, distribution, and disposal of coarse grains (Jowar, Bajra, Maize & Ragi etc.) and 6 minor millets, States are allowed to procure these commodities in Decentralized Procurement mode from farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP) for distribution under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)/Other Welfare Schemes (OWS). The details of coarsegrain procurement during last 5 years is at **Annexure-I**.

As on 01.07.2026, the stocks available with FCI comprised 25.96 LMT in SILO, 479.43 LMT in covered storage (owned as well as hired), and 20.26 LMT in Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage.

(b): FCI is storing/handling large quantities of foodgrains over long periods for distribution under welfare schemes of Government and for maintaining the buffer and strategic reserve for the country to ensure food security to the nation.

Reasons for Damage: Meager quantity of food grains accrued as non-issuable (damaged), mainly due to natural calamities like Cyclone/Flash Flood/Rain, transit damaged, quality complaints, Silo operations & others such as fire etc. The year-wise and State-wise damage for last five year is at **Annexure-II**.

(c): Government has decided to Phase out CAP in Punjab and Haryana.

In order to augment scientific storage, the Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD) has taken following scientific initiatives to modernize foodgrain storage infrastructure including silos and mechanized warehouse:

Smart Warehouse Project: Under this project, traditional depots are converted into smart warehouses which are equipped with different sensors like smoke sensors, fire sensors & gate opening sensor etc.

Depot Darpan Portal: Depot Darpan Portal is a digital platform launched by DFPD to enhance the monitoring, transparency and efficiency of food-grain storage depots & warehouses under PDS.

Key features and purpose of Depot Darpan:

- Depot/warehouse managers assess the infrastructure of their depots through uploading geo-tagged data regarding infrastructure and operations.
- Portal uses a composite scoring system, assessing depots on two broad categories: infrastructure and operational parameters.

- c. Based on the scores, depots are graded.
- d. Validation of data is built into the process via 100% supervisory officer verification.
- e. All the FCI's owned and hired warehouses are covered under Depot Darpan portal.

Construction of SILOs under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode: Silo storage represents a highly mechanized and modern method of bulk foodgrains storage, ensuring superior preservation and enhanced shelf life. It requires lesser land area compared to conventional storage, lowers transit and overhead costs, reduces manpower requirements, and ensures consistent quality through scientific handling and storage practices.

Further, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) has created additional storage capacity to the tune of 71.02 Lakh Sq. ft. towards augmenting scientific storage infrastructure during (FY 2021-26) the last five years.

(d): At present, there is no such proposal.

Annexure referred to in the reply to Part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 1005 in the Rajya Sabha on 28.07.2026.

STATEMENT SHOWING PROCUREMENT OF COARSEGRAINS

Position as on- 20.07.2026 (Fig in Metric Tons)

KMS	COMMODITY	Andhra Pradesh	Gujarat	Haryana	Karnataka	Madhya Pradesh	Maharashtra	Uttar Pradesh	Odisha	Uttarakhand	Tamil Nadu	Total Procurement (MT)	MSP (Rs./qtl)	MSP Value (in crore)
2020-21	JOWAR	-	-	0	80722	29582	17784	0	-	-	-	128088	2620	335.59
	JOWAR (Rabi)	-	-	0	0	0	18384	0	-	-	-	18384	2620	48.17
	BAJRA	-	11515	150000	0	195351	5005	0	-	-	-	361871	2150	778.02
	MAIZE	-	4133	-	0	0	88283	106413	-	-	-	198829	1850	367.83
	MAIZE (Rabi)	-	-	-	0	0	6486	0	-	-	-	6486	1850	12.00
	RAGI	-	-	-	474098	0	0	0	2025 2	-	-	494350	3295	1628.88
	Total	-	15648	150000	554820	224933	135942	106413	2025 2	-	-	1208008		0.00
2021-22	JOWAR	-	-	-	103920	32393	20262	0	-	-	-	156575	2738	428.70
	JOWAR (Rabi)	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	2738	0.00
	BAJRA	-	7284	-	0	5400	567	0	-	-	-	13251	2250	29.81
	MAIZE	-	389	-	0	0	19615	2763	-	-	-	22767	1870	42.57
	MAIZE (Rabi)	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	1870	0.00
	RAGI	-	-	-	404784	0	253	0	32302	-	-	437339	3377	1476.89
	Total	-	7673	-	508703	37793	40697	2763	32302	-	-	629931		0.00
2022-23	JOWAR	-	0	-	76897	258	1378	0	-	-	-	78533	2970	233.24
	JOWAR (Rabi)	3621	685	-	0	0	2358	0	-	-	-	6664	2970	19.79
	BAJRA	-	766	81147	0	0	10	43437	-	-	-	125360	2350	294.60
	BAJRA (Rabi)	-	56645	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	56645	2350	133.12
	MAIZE	-	0	-	0	0	48	0	-	-	-	48	1962	0.10
	MAIZE (Rabi)	-	197	-	0	0	12877	0	-	-	-	13074	1962	25.65
	RAGI	4	0	-	454404	0	636	0	-	1186	515	456745	3578	1634.23

	Total	3625	58293	81147	531301	258	17308	43437	-	1186	515	737069		0.00
2023-24	JOWAR	24466			85402		462	13340				123670	3180	393.27
	JOWAR (Rabi)	4903	2946		105019		86624.9					199493	3180	634.39
	BAJRA		33359	231334				355038				619731	2500	1549.33
	BAJRA (Rabi)		76726									76726	2500	191.82
	MAIZE						25	4451				4476	2090	9.35
	MAIZE (Rabi)						56					56	2090	0.12
	RAGI	376	0.75		226576		189	0.7		1889	1889	230920	3846	888.12
	Total	29745	113032	231334	416997		87357	372830		1889	1889	1255073		0.00
2024-25	JOWAR		27		115352	908	937	46942				164166	3371	553.40
	JOWAR (Rabi)	35402	5300		78676		131311					250689	3371	845.07
	BAJRA		3818	156000				101311				261129	2625	685.46
	BAJRA (Rabi)		82223									82223	2625	215.84
	MAIZE						1					1	2225	0.00
	MAIZE (Rabi)		118				51	19312				19481	2225	43.35
	RAGI	205	5		346079		233		40000	3139	4050	393711	4290	1689.02
	RAGI (Rabi)	902										902	4290	3.87
	Total	36509	91491	156000	540107	908	132533	167565	40000	3139	4050	1172302		0.00
2025-26*	JOWAR				140199	390	5518	43562				189669	3699	701.59
	JOWAR (Rabi)	49852	5535		81620		94236					231243	3699	855.37
	BAJRA		14472	233				213973				228678	2775	634.58
	BAJRA (Rabi)		92733									92733	2775	257.33
	MAIZE		564				100511	13209				114284	2400	274.28
	MAIZE (Rabi)		11856				42366	13642				67864	2400	162.87
	RAGI		13		569331		462			5386	8000	583192	4886	2849.48
	RAGI (Rabi)	4846										4846	4886	23.68
	Total	54698	125173	233	791150	390	243093	284386	0	5386	8000	1512509		0.00

*2025-26 procurement is still going on

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in the reply to Part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 1005 in the Rajya Sabha on 28.07.2026.

Foodgrains stock accrued as Non-Issuable (damaged) in FCI from 2021-22 to 2025-26						
(Figs. in MTs)						
S.No.	Region	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Bihar	41	22	0	0.56	0
2	Jharkhand	10	20	24	0	40
3	Odisha	3	0	9	0.02	0
4	West Bengal	179	0	0	0.14	9
5	Assam	7	0	0	0	0
6	NEF	15	59	0	0	0
7	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	10.175
8	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0
9	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0.58
10	Delhi	62	13	0	3	1.7248
11	Haryana	0	0	2511	0	0
12	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0.006
13	J & K	261	248	0	0.09	0.82
14	Punjab	100	264	7746	91	36
15	Rajasthan	63	136	6	1	2089
16	Uttar Pradesh	78	47	2	2254	21
17	Uttarakhand	592	0	0	0	0
18	Andhra Pradesh	28	0	0	2	0
19	Telangana	0	0	2	485	0
20	Kerala	92	20	0	19	0
21	Karnataka	1	0	0	0	0
22	Tamil Nadu	0	0	7	3001	0
23	Gujarat	21	87	23	13	0.84
24	Maharashtra	140	713	18	1986	35
25	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	2	2
26	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	0