

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1122
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th JULY, 2026

INTEGRATED RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER GRAIN STORAGE PLAN

1122 SHRI VINOD SHRIDHAR TAWDE:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state

- (a) whether Government has evolved any framework for integrating storage facilities created under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan (WLGSP) with procurement operations, primary processing activities and agricultural marketing networks;
- (b) whether digital inventory management, warehouse receipt systems and logistics solutions are proposed to be incorporated in such facilities;
- (c) whether any institutional arrangements have been made to enable Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) to generate sustainable revenue streams from the operation of such infrastructure; and
- (d) whether any mechanism has been developed for monitoring utilisation levels and assessing the economic viability of these facilities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The World's Largest Grain Storage Plan envisages the creation of multipurpose agri-infrastructure at the PACS level, including godowns, procurement centres, primary processing units, Custom Hiring Centres (CHCs), drying yards and other need-based facilities through convergence of schemes, whole of government approach.
- (b) Yes. Registration of these godowns under Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) framework are in accordance with the standards prescribed by the WDRA. Efforts are made to facilitate registration of eligible PACS and cooperative societies with WDRA so that they may avail the benefits of the electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (e-NWR) system, wherever intended. In addition, efforts are made to create storage infrastructure at locations where storage capacity is required by agencies such as FCI, NAFED, NCCF and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs), so that procurement and storage activities can be undertaken at the same location, thereby reducing logistics costs and improving overall supply chain efficiency.

(c) Yes. Institutional arrangements have been made under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan to enable PACS to generate sustainable revenue streams from the operation of the infrastructure created. The godowns and allied facilities are intended to support activities such as storage, procurement, aggregation and primary processing of agricultural produce. Further, Hiring Assurance is facilitated, wherever feasible, from agencies such as FCI, NAFED, NCCF and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs) to ensure optimum utilization of storage capacity and provide a stable source of income to PACS. In addition, the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, has advised States/UTs to accord priority to hiring godowns created under the Plan and to utilize such facilities as procurement centres, thereby enhancing their operational viability and long-term sustainability.

(d) Yes. A monitoring mechanism is in place under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan through periodic reviews at the national, state and district levels. At the national level, implementation of the Plan is monitored through the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) and the National Level Coordination Committee (NLCC), while at the State and district levels, monitoring is undertaken through the State Cooperative Development Committee (SCDC) and the District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC), respectively. Further, projects are taken up on the basis of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) prepared considering local requirements and feasibility. Various aspects relating to implementation, operationalisation and effective utilisation of the infrastructure created under the Plan are reviewed from time to time to facilitate its sustainable functioning and achievement of the intended objectives.
