

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 210
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JULY, 2026

ASSESSMENT OF CHALLENGES IN TPDS

210 SHRI MUKUL WASNIK:

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

- (a): whether Government has conducted any assessment regarding recent bottlenecks, leakage or grain quality concerns under the Targeted Public Distribution System across various States;
- (b): if so, the details of the measures and structural steps taken to modernize the public distribution mechanism and eliminate foodgrain wastages;
- (c): the total foodgrain storage capacity currently available with the Food Corporation of India and other State agencies, State/Union Territory-wise; and
- (d): the volume of foodgrains stored under Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage open to weather conditions, along with the estimated post-harvest or storage losses incurred during the last two years?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) & (b): The Department undertook an exercise to assess the functioning of Public Distribution System (PDS) operations and implementation of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) across all 112 Aspirational Districts between June-August 2025. The objectives of the exercise were to assess the i) functioning of Fair Price Shops (FPS), ii) review procurement centre operations, iii) evaluate infrastructure and efficiency of depots under Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), iv) gather feedback of beneficiaries under PMGKAY and v) address grievances raised through CPGRAMS in these districts. In total, the exercise covered 113 Procurement Centres, 277 Fair Price Shops, 108 depots and interactions with 458 PMGKAY beneficiaries.

Based on the assessment undertaken across all 112 Aspirational Districts, the Government has identified specific areas where further strengthening of procurement, storage, distribution, and grievance-redressal mechanisms would enhance overall efficiency of the Public Distribution System.

Also, this Department has formulated and issued a Quality Control Manual to uniformly maintain the quality standards of foodgrains from procurement to its distribution to the eligible beneficiaries through various social security programs of Government of India.

The details of steps taken to modernize the public distribution mechanism are as follows:

- i. Digitisation & Aadhaar seeding: Ration cards/beneficiary database 100% digitised in all States/UTs; 99.7% of ration cards Aadhaar-seeded, eliminating bogus/duplicate cards.
- ii. Transparency & grievance redressal: Transparency portals and online grievance redressal/toll-free helplines operational in all States/UTs.
- iii. Online allocation & supply chain computerisation: Online allocation implemented in all States/UTs; supply chain computerised in 31 States/UTs (except Chandigarh, Puducherry and urban areas of Dadra & Nagar Haveli, which have adopted DBT Cash Transfer).
- iv. ePoS-based Aadhaar authentication at FPS level: 5.50 lakh (99.8%) of 5.51 lakh Fair Price Shops automated with ePoS devices, ensuring biometric authentication of beneficiaries at the point of distribution and curbing diversion.
- v. One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC): Nationwide portability implemented across all 36 States/UTs, covering all PMGKAY beneficiaries; over 221 crore portability transactions recorded to date, reducing exclusion and duplicate entitlement claims.

(c) & (d): The Food Corporation of India has a total storage capacity of 522.51 LMT (501.00LMT Covered + 21.51 LMT CAP) for storage of foodgrains under the Central Pool. The State/Union Territory agencies have also storage capacity of 466.19 LMT for storage of Central Pool foodgrains. State-wise details are provided at **Annexure**. 20.26 LMT stocks are stored in Cover and Plinth. There are no losses of foodgrains reported by FCI in Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage during last two years.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) AND (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 210 FOR ANSWER ON 21.07.2026 IN RAJYA SABHA

Central Pool Storage Capacity with FCI and State Govt. Agencies as on 01.07.2026																
(Figures in LMT)																
Zone	Sl. No.	Region/U.T	Total Storage Capacity with FCI(Owned/Hired) (Covered & CAP)						Total (Owned + Hired)	Total Storage Capacity with State Agencies including SWCs (excluding capacities given to FCI) for storage of foodgrains			Grand Total			
			Covered		CAP		Total			Cov. & CAP	State Agencies			Cov.	CAP	Cov. & CAP
			own ed	Hire d	Own ed	Hir ed	Cov.	CA P			Cov.	CA P	Tota l			
EAST	1	BIHAR	3.45	10.58	0.00	0.00	14.02	0.00	14.02	10.13	0	10.13	24.15	0.00	24.15	
	2	JHARKHAND	1.08	3.30	0.00	0.00	4.39	0.00	4.39	2.25	0	2.25	6.64	0.00	6.64	
	3	ODISHA	3.65	3.35	0.00	0.00	7.00	0.00	7.00	6.25	0	6.25	13.25	0.00	13.25	
	4	WEST BENGAL	9.53	2.22	0.00	0.00	11.75	0.00	11.75	9.66	0	9.66	21.41	0.00	21.41	
	5	SIKKIM	0.11	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.11	0.11	0	0.11	0.22	0.00	0.22	
Total East Zone			17.82	19.45	0.00	0.00	37.27	0.00	37.27	28.40	0	28.40	65.67	0.00	65.67	
N.E.	6	ASSAM	3.84	1.59	0.00	0.00	5.42	0.00	5.42	0.00	0	0.00	5.42	0.00	5.42	
	7	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0.41	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.00	0.45	0.00	0	0.00	0.45	0.00	0.45	
	8	MEGHALAYA	0.23	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.00	0.47	0.00	0	0.00	0.47	0.00	0.47	
	9	MIZORAM	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.32	0.41	0	0.41	0.73	0.00	0.73	
	10	TRIPURA	0.44	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.62	0.00	0.62	0.64	0	0.64	1.27	0.00	1.27	
	11	MANIPUR	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.65	0.00	0.65	0.00	0	0.00	0.65	0.00	0.65	
	12	NAGALAND	0.42	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.00	0.57	0.08	0	0.08	0.65	0.00	0.65	
Total North East Zone			6.29	2.21	0.00	0.00	8.51	0.00	8.51	1.13	0	1.13	9.64	0.00	9.64	
NORTH	13	DELHI	3.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.28	0.00	3.28	0.00	0	0.00	3.28	0.00	3.28	
	14	HARYANA	8.75	60.31	2.21	1.49	69.06	3.69	72.76	44.45	21.48	65.93	113.51	25.17	138.69	
	15	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0.27	0.74	0.00	0.00	1.01	0.00	1.01	0.00	0	0.00	1.01	0.00	1.01	
	16	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0.95	1.64	0.00	0.00	2.58	0.00	2.58	0.00	0	0.00	2.58	0.00	2.58	
	17	LADAKH	0.25	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.00	0.38	0.00	0	0.00	0.38	0.00	0.38	
	18	PUNJAB	27.19	124.00	3.37	13.66	151.19	17.03	168.22	25.59	62.71	88.30	176.78	79.74	256.52	
	19	CHANDIGARH	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.09	0.00	0	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.09	
	20	RAJASTHAN	8.42	20.35	0.40	0.36	28.77	0.76	29.53	0.00	0	0.00	28.77	0.76	29.53	
	21	UTTAR PRADESH	15.48	50.26	0.00	0.00	65.74	0.00	65.74	0.00	0	0.00	65.74	0.00	65.74	
	22	UTTARAKHAND	0.83	1.14	0.03	0.00	1.97	0.03	2.00	1.19	0	1.19	3.16	0.03	3.19	
Total North Zone			65.41	258.67	6.01	15.50	324.08	21.51	345.59	71.23	84.19	155.42	395.31	105.70	501.01	
SOUTH	23	ANDHRA PRADESH	8.64	9.08	0.00	0.00	17.72	0.00	17.72	14.70	0	14.70	32.42	0.00	32.42	

	24	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.0 0	0.07	0.0 0	0.07	0.16	0	0.16	0.23	0.00	0.23
	25	TELANGAN A	6.68	16.4 0	0.00	0.0 0	23.0 8	0.0 0	23.0 8	8.00	0	8.00	31.0 8	0.00	31.0 8
	26	KERALA	5.88	0.13	0.00	0.0 0	6.01	0.0 0	6.01	1.84	0	1.84	7.85	0.00	7.85
	27	KARNATAK A	4.61	5.45	0.00	0.0 0	10.0 6	0.0 0	10.0 6	30.9 3	0	30.9 3	40.9 9	0.00	40.9 9
	28	LAKSHAD WEEP	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.0 0	0.03	0.0 0	0.03	0.00	0	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03
	29	TAMIL NADU	6.46	6.33	0.00	0.0 0	12.7 9	0.0 0	12.7 9	17.6 6	0	17.6 6	30.4 5	0.00	30.4 5
	30	PUDUCHE RRY	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.0 0	0.51	0.0 0	0.51	0.00	0	0.00	0.51	0.00	0.51
Total South Zone			32.8 7	37.4 0	0.00	0.0 0	70.2 7	0.0 0	70.2 7	73.2 9	0	73.2 9	143. 56	0.00	143. 56
WEST	31	GUJARAT	4.93	4.42	0.00	0.0 0	9.35	0.0 0	9.35	0.56	0	0.56	9.91	0.00	9.91
	32	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0 0	0.00	0.0 0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	33	MAHARAS HTRA	9.23	9.82	0.00	0.0 0	19.0 5	0.0 0	19.0 5	6.98	0	6.98	26.0 3	0.00	26.0 3
	34	GOA	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.0 0	0.19	0.0 0	0.19	0.00	0	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.19
	35	MADHYA PRADESH	4.18	6.87	0.00	0.0 0	11.0 5	0.0 0	11.0 5	189. 16	0	189. 16	200. 21	0.00	200. 21
	36	CHHATTIS GARH	6.32	14.9 1	0.00	0.0 0	21.2 3	0.0 0	21.2 3	11.2 6	0	11.2 6	32.4 9	0.00	32.4 9
Total West Zone			24.8 4	36.0 2	0.00	0.0 0	60.8 7	0.0 0	60.8 7	207. 96	0.0 0	207. 96	268. 83	0.00	268. 83
Grand Total			147. 24	353. 76	6.01	15. 50	501. 00	21. 51	522. 51	382. 00	84. 19	466. 19	883. 00	105. 70	988. 70

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भारतीय खाद्य निगम Food Corporation of India 16-20 बाराखम्बा लेन									Position as on 01-07-2026	
FCI HQ-S-C016(11)/1/2022-S C-Part(1)									आंकड़े लाख टनों में (FIG. IN LAKH TONNE)	
SUMMARY				तालिका					दिनांक	##### ##
STORAGE CAPACITY WITH FCI, STOCKS HELD AND ITS % AGE UTILIZATION (MONTHLY AVERAGE) FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2026										
CAPACITY, STOCKS & UTILIZATION %	C O V E R E D						C A P (OPEN)			Covered & CAP
	ढकी हुई						खुले			
	OWNED			HIRED INCLUDING SILO	TOTAL	OWNE D	HIRE D	TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL	
	OWNE D	SIL O	Total							
	निजी	साई लो		किराये पर	योग	निजी	किराये पर	योग	महायोग	
POSITION AS ON 01-07-2026										
CAPACITY	क्षमता	146.34	0.90	147.2 4	353.76	501.0 0	6.01	15.50	21.51	522.51
STOCKS (Av. Monthly)	स्टॉक	125.06	0.40	125.4 6	353.97	479.4 3	3.66	16.60	20.26	499.69
UTILIZATIO N (%)	उपयोगि ता	85	45	85	100	96	61	107	94	96
POSITION AS ON 01-06-2026										
CAPACITY	क्षमता	146.34	0.90	147.2 4	346.17	493.4 2	6.79	15.34	22.13	515.54
STOCKS (Av. Monthly)	स्टॉक	119.39	0.40	119.7 9	339.52	459.3 1	3.54	16.44	19.97	479.29
UTILIZATIO N (%)	उपयोगि ता	82	45	81	98	93	52	107	90	93
DISTRIBUTION:										
1. निजी सचिव-अध्यक्ष एवं प्रबंध निदेशक/सभी कार्यकारी निदेशक (भण्डारण/भंडार/गुण नियंत्रण/पी एंड आर/परिचालन/समन्वय, भा.खा.नि. मुख्यालय।										
2. सभी महाप्रबंधक, भा. खा. नि. मुख्यालय।										
3. संयुक्त सचिव (नीति एवं एफसीआई)/(भण्डारण), उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय, कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली।										
4. निदेशक (एफसीआई), उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय, कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली।										
5. उप सचिव, (एस जी)/परिचालन-II/एफ सी-II), उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय, कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली।										
6. प्रबंधक (समन्वय), भा. खा. नि. मुख्यालय।										
प्रबंधक (भण्डारण एवं अनुबंध)										