

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2567
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST AUGUST, 2017

FAIR PRICE SHOPS CUM GODOWNS

2567. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Fair Price Shops cum Godowns constructed as a part of the Plan Schemes 2015-16;
- (b) the steps taken to augment the storage capacities in the North Eastern States and Jammu & Kashmir; and
- (c) the parts/components of the Targeted Public Distribution System which are now completely computerised, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): The Plan Scheme is for construction of godowns only. There is no concept of Fair Price Shop cum godowns in this Scheme. Under this Scheme godowns of total capacity 64,810 MT were created by FCI in the year 2015-16. In addition, State Governments have also constructed godowns of 10,000 MT in the year 2015-16.

(b): The Government is implementing the following schemes to augment and modernize the storage facilities in various states including the North Eastern (NE) States and Jammu and Kashmir:

- (i) Central Sector Scheme: This scheme is focussed on the North Eastern States. Funds are released by the Government to FCI and also directly to the State Governments for construction of godowns. During 12th Five Year Plan, godowns of capacity of 1,17,680 MT by FCI and 46,495 MT capacity by State Governments were constructed in the North Eastern (NE) States and Jammu and Kashmir.

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- (ii) Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme: This is a Scheme for construction of godowns by Private Parties and State Agencies without any funding by the Government. The godowns constructed under this Scheme are taken for guaranteed hiring. Under this Scheme, a capacity of 1.55 LMT has been completed in Jammu & Kashmir and a capacity of 0.25 LMT has been sanctioned in Assam. This Scheme is not operational in other NE States, since godowns are being constructed under Plan Scheme (Central Sector Scheme).
- (iii) Construction of steel silos: Government of India has also approved action plan for construction of steel silos in the country for a capacity of 100 LMT in 3 phases. Under this Scheme, Silos will be constructed by Private Parties and State Agencies without any funding by the Government. A capacity of 0.50 LMT has been planned in Assam.

(c): The Government has launched a Scheme for 'End-to-end Computerization of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) Operations' with the aim to improve the efficiency of the current system and to address various challenges such as leakages and diversion of foodgrains, elimination of fake and bogus ration cards etc. Following components of TPDS have been completely computerized :-

- (i) Ration cards/beneficiaries database.
- (ii) Transparency portal.
- (iii) Online grievance redressal facility/Toll-free number.
