

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2849
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2018

AGRO WAREHOUSES

2849. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

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 functional agro warehouses built or contracted under FCI (Food Corporation of India) in the country, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of any gap in the actual and desired number of agro warehouses (which is approximately 15MMT) in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend the number of agro warehouses and if so, the details thereof along with the proposed number, time frame and revenue sources for the same; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to ease the multiple regulatory requirements to improve the viability of agro warehousing as a business, if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

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

(a): Food Corporation of India (FCI) deals with storage of only foodgrains (Rice & Wheat) for distribution under Public Distribution System (PDS) in the country. As on 31.01.2018, 1840 Food Storage Depots under FCI were functional across the country. The State-wise details are at Annexure.

(b): On the basis of peak stock requirement during procurement season, the overall storage capacity required for central pool food grains in the country is about 600 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT). Against this, the total storage capacity available with Food Corporation of India (FCI), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and the State Agencies, both owned and hired capacity, was 735.46 LMT as on 31.01.2018. This comprises of 611.31 LMT covered godowns and 124.15 LMT cover and plinth (CAP) storage. Thus, sufficient capacity is available for storage of Central Pool Stock.

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(c): Although there is sufficient capacity for storage of Central Pool Stocks in the country, based on requirement in specific areas, the Government constructs warehouses and silos mostly in Public Private Partnership mode to augment and modernize the storage facilities. Private parties who invested and built warehouses for FCI under Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme are given guaranteed rent for 10 years to enable them to get sufficient returns on their investment.

(d): There is only one regulatory authority under Central Government namely, Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) for agro warehousing. This authority has simplified its rules and guidelines for registration and inspection of warehouses. It has also launched a portal on 26.09.2017 for online registration and inspection of warehouses for the benefit of warehousemen.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2849 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 13.03.2018 IN THE LOK SABHA.

State-wise number of storage godowns available with FCI as on 31.01.2018

SL. NO.	REGION/U.T.	COVERED								TOTAL COVERED
		FCI OWNED	HIRED							
			STATE GOVT.	CWC	SWC	PEG	PWS 2010	PRIVATE PARTIES	TOTAL HIRED	
1	BIHAR	12	2	10	23	15	1	4	55	67
2	JHARKHAND	6	0	2	11	19	0	1	33	39
3	ODISHA	22	0	8	22	0	0	0	30	52
4	WEST BENGAL	23	0	3	0	0	0	7	10	33
5	ARUNACHALPRADESH	6	3	0	0	0	0	5	8	14
6	ASSAM	20	2	3	4	1	0	10	20	40
7	MANIPUR	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
8	NAGALAND	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6
9	MEGHALAYA, MIZORAM, TRIPURA	14	4	0	2	0	0	0	6	20
10	DELHI	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
11	HARYANA	33	16	17	27	130	0	1	191	224
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	6	6	3	0	3	0	0	12	18
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	16	1	0	0	7	0	7	15	31
14	PUNJAB	118	1	25	205	186	0	10	427	545
15	RAJASTHAN	36	0	24	67	12	0	4	107	143
16	UTTAR PRADESH	45	1	21	99	60	1	0	182	227
17	UTTARAKHAND	4	3	5	5	0	0	0	13	17
18	ANDHRA PRADESH	24	0	2	1	5	0	1	9	33
19	KARNATAKA	22	0	5	19	7	0	1	32	54
20	KERALA	23	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	24
21	TAMIL NADU	14	0	11	11	10	0	2	34	48
22	TELANGANA	11	1	7	5	6	0	0	19	30
23	CHHATTISGARH	21	1	3	12	4	0	0	20	41
24	GUJARAT	14	2	8	0	1	0	1	12	26
25	MADHYA PRADESH	19	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	21
26	MAHARASHTRA	13	0	9	24	27	2	1	63	76
27	COUNTRY TOTAL	537	44	169	537	494	4	55	1303	1840

PEG: Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee Scheme
 SWC: State Warehousing Corporation
 CWC: Central Warehousing Corporation
 PWS: Private Warehousing Scheme