

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 386
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08 JANUARY, 2019

FARM STORAGE FACILITIES

*386. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

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

- (a) whether any steps have been taken to improve farm storage facilities in light of the 1.95 lakh MT of foodgrains wasted in India between 2005 and March 2013;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to expand the storage facilities with the Food Corporation of India across different States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to phase out the Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage method?

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 386 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 08.01.2019 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) to (e): Food Corporation of India (FCI) handled a quantity of 3,135.54 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) of foodgrains for the Public Distribution System (PDS) during the years from 2005-06 to 2012-13, excluding the stocks procured under the De-Centralised Procurement (DCP). Against this, a quantity of 1.934 LMT got damaged due to various reasons.

On the basis of peak stock requirement during normal procurement season, the overall storage capacity required for Central Pool Food Grains in the country is about 650 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), is 875.09 LMT as on 30.11.2018 comprising 747.66 LMT in covered godowns and 127.43 LMT in Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage. As such, there is sufficient capacity for storage of central pool foodgrains at the national level.

However, depending on requirement in specific areas and for modernization of storage facilities, Government has been implementing the following schemes for construction of godowns and silos in the country for Central Pool Stock of foodgrains:

- i. Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme: Under this Scheme, which was formulated in 2008, storage capacity is created by private parties, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Government Agencies for guaranteed hiring by Food Corporation of India (FCI). A capacity of 142.02 LMT has been created as on 30.11.2018 since the inception of this scheme.
- ii. Central Sector Scheme: Under this scheme, FCI directly gets godowns constructed in the North Eastern States along with a few other States. Since, 2012-13 till 30.11.2018, a total capacity of 1,52,290 MT has been created by FCI.
- iii. Construction of Steel Silos: Government of India has also approved an action plan for construction of steel silos in the country for a capacity of 100 LMT in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for modernizing storage infrastructure and improving shelf life of stored foodgrains. As on 30.11.2018, silos of 6.25 LMT capacity have been created.

The storage of foodgrains in the CAP is resorted to by FCI only for short duration during the peak procurement season. Food stocks kept in CAP by FCI has reduced over the years as per details given under:

Stocks as on	FCI (in LMT)
01.06.2013	22.63
01.06.2014	15.89
01.06.2015	5.31
01.06.2016	2.65
01.06.2017	3.42
01.06.2018	9.20
01.01.2019	1.12
