

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3443  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01 JANUARY, 2019  
GOVERNMENT RUN WAREHOUSES

3443. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

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

- (a) whether there is a Government run warehouses in each of the 640 districts of the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if so, the time by which the Government is planning to set up at least one warehous in each district of the country for the storage of foodgranin and vegetables produced by the farmers; and
- (c) the amount of budget allocated this year by the Government for the maintenance of existing warehouses and for the construction of new warehouses?

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

(a) & (b): Majority of the districts in the country have warehouses for storage of foodgrains for distribution under Public Distribution System (PDS). Storage gap assessment of a district is made by considering available capacities in a radius of 100 Km in plain areas and 50 Km in hilly areas. Foodgrain requirement of the districts is met from the depots located in the same district or a nearby district.

As far as foodgrains are concerned, the total storage capacity available in the country is sufficient to store of Central Pool Stock required for PDS. However, to augment capacities in specific areas, the Government implements two schemes for construction of godowns, namely Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme and Central Sector Scheme with a special focus on North Eastern Region. In addition to conventional godowns, construction of steel silos has been undertaken in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for modernizing storage infrastructure and improving shelf life of stored foodgrains.

As far as perishable horticulture produce like vegetables are concerned, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare implements a Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) which also provides assistance for creation of post harvest management infrastructure including setting up of cold storages.

(c): During 2018-19, Food Corporation of India (FCI) has a budget of Rs. 369.05 Cr for maintenance of its warehouses. Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) utilizes its own resources for construction and maintenance of its warehouses for which an amount of Rs 153 Cr has been allocated for 2018-19. Government provides funds for construction of new godowns under the Central Sector Scheme. There is a budget of Rs 35.00 Cr for construction of godowns by FCI in North Eastern Region and Rs 25.00 Cr for construction of intermediate godowns by State Governments of North Eastern Region in 2018-19.