

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

LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 225  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2019

DEPOT ONLINE SYSTEM

\*225. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

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 the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) depots/ godowns working in the country at present;
- (b) whether the Government has introduced the Depot Online System Programme in FCI and CWC;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the programme;
- (d) the present status of implementation of the programme and the time by which it is likely to be completed; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to check leakage of foodgrains from FCI and CWC godowns?

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MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

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(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  
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(a) to (e): As on 01.06.2019, Food Corporation of India (FCI) has 563 depots / godowns across India. Out of these, 532 are operational, while remaining are either let out to State Governments or non-operational due to various reasons. Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) operates 421 warehouses for storage of foodgrains and other notified commodities.

Depot Online System Application has been implemented to automate all the operations at FCI Depots with the objective to transform the food supply chain management through innovative use of technology for ensuring transparency, efficiency in procurement, storage and distribution operations. The project aims at standardization and automation of depot level processes, real time monitoring of operations, timely data reporting and data based decision support system.

Depot Online System (DOS) has been implemented in all 532 operational depots of FCI and 144 CWC Depots hired by FCI.

Other steps taken to check leakage of foodgrains from FCI and CWC godowns are as follows:

- i. Installation of barbed wires fencing on boundary walls and provision of high mast lights in the godowns/ complexes.
- ii. Deployment of Security staff of FCI as well as other agencies.
- iii. Security Inspections as well as surprise checks of the depots.
- iv. Installation of CCTV cameras to enhance electronic Surveillance.
- v. Disciplinary action, including police cases, in case of leakage.

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