

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3496
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND MARCH, 2023**

COMPLETION OF GODOWNS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

3496. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

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

- (a) whether the Government intends to provide any support to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for the completion of 4,200 godowns project to be undertaken to improve the functioning of Rythu Bharosa Kendras;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of other such measures being taken to improve storage facilities for farmers in the country?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
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(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a) to (d): Department of Food and Public Distribution has not received any proposal for the completion of 4,200 godowns project to be undertaken to improve the functioning of Rythu Bharosa Kendras from State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

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Further, Food Corporation of India (FCI) mainly stores wheat & rice after procurement for Public Distribution System (PDS) operation and to maintain buffer stock. The requirement of Storage capacity in FCI depends upon the level of procurement, requirement of buffer norms and PDS operations for Rice and Wheat mainly. Storage gap is assessed in the procuring States based on the highest stock levels in the last three years and in the consuming States on the basis of 4 months (6 months in case of North Eastern states and in some other states like J&K, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep) requirement of National Food Security Act (NFSA) and Other Welfare Scheme (OWS). FCI continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on the storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/hired.

FCI augments its storage capacity through following schemes:-

- 1. Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme**
- 2. Central Sector Scheme (CSS)**
- 3. Construction of Silo's under PPP mode**
- 4. Hiring of godown from Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)/ State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs)/State Agencies**
- 5. Hiring of godown through Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS).**

Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for holistic development of horticulture sector in the country including Andhra Pradesh, under which financial assistance is provided for various horticulture activities including setting up of cold storage for horticulture produce. The component is demand/ entrepreneur driven for which Government assistance in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy is available @ 35% of the eligible project cost in general areas and @ 50% in hilly and scheduled areas through respective State Horticulture Mission(s)(SHMs).
