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

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2168 TO BE ANSWERED ON $2^{\rm ND}$ AUGUST, 2023

#### **INCREASING CAPACITY OF WAREHOUSES**

#### 2168. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

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 is planning to increase the present capacity of warehouses in the country and embark on its first implementation in some selected districts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any districts in the State of Andhra Pradesh have been selected for this purpose, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the quantum of funds earmarked for this purpose and the funds released to States so far?

#### ANSWER

# MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) to (b): The requirement of Storage capacity in Food Corporation of India (FCI) depends upon the level of procurement, requirement of buffer norms and Public Distribution System (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 under 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 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 Corporation (SWCs)/State Agencies
- 5. Hiring of godown through Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS).
- (c) & (d): Under new initiative of Asset Monetization of FCI, 2 locations in Andhra Pradesh have been selected by FCI for construction of storage capacities under Phase-I, details are given below:

| Location/District        | Category  |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| FCI BSC Hanuman Junction | Under PMS |
| (Krishna)                | (Cat-A)   |
| FCI BSC Pennada          | Non PMS   |
| (West Godavari)          | (Cat-A)   |

The capacity under asset monetization is created by attracting private investors.

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