

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3740
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2020**

STORAGE CAPACITY OF FCI AND CWC

**3740. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:
SHRI RAJU BISTA:
SHRI AJAY NISHAD:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI KUNAR HEMBRAM:**

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

- (a) the details of present godown/storage capacity of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the Central Warehouse Corporation throughout the country, State-wise;**
- (b) whether the condition of godowns in the country is extremely poor and there is acute shortage of storage capacity all over the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;**
- (c) whether there are reports of wastage of foodgrains due to lesser storage capacity as well as increased foodgrain production in the country, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the measures taken/being taken to increase the said storage capacity to check wastage of foodgrains in the country;**
- (e) the remedial measures taken/being taken to improve the condition of godowns and to construct new godowns in the country, the details thereof; and**
- (f) whether FCI stores foodgrains in rented godowns also and if so, the annual amount being spent on it?**

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**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)**

(a): The State-wise details of total storage capacity available as on 31.01.2020 with Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies for the storage of Central Pool stock of foodgrains and with Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) are given at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

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(b): FCI owned godowns are constructed on scientific lines by making it rodent proof through ensuring proper plinth height, ensuring dampness proof by providing concrete flooring, etc. The routine maintenance, upgradation of engineering structure of depots/godowns etc. of FCI and CWC are carried out on a regular basis.

As on 31.01.2020, the total storage capacity available with FCI and State Agencies for storage of Central Pool stock of foodgrains is 752.60 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) (both owned and hired) against a stock of 578.17 LMT. As such there is sufficient capacity for storage of Central Pool stock of foodgrains at national level.

(c): No damage to foodgrains can be directly attributed to lack of adequate storage capacity. Foodgrains available with FCI are preserved scientifically. Negligible quantity may become non-issuable due to various reasons like natural calamities (cyclone, flood etc.) or transit damage (contamination, leakage etc.). During the current financial year only 0.005% damaged foodgrains has been reported against offtake quantity in FCI (as on 31.01.2020). No case of foodgrain wastage has been reported at CWC warehouses.

(d) and (e): Depending on requirement in specific areas and for modernization of the storage facilities, the Government implements following schemes for creation of storage facilities for Central Pool stocks in the country:-

- i. Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme: Under this Scheme, formulated in 2008, storage capacity is created by private parties, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Government Agencies for guaranteed hiring by FCI. As on 31.01.2020, a total capacity of 143.63 LMT has been created. Under this scheme, no funds are allocated by Government for construction of godowns and full investment is done by the private parties/CWC/State Agencies.**
- ii. Central Sector Scheme (erstwhile Plan Scheme): This scheme is implemented in the North Eastern States along with a few other States. Funds from annual budgetary allocation are released by the Government of India to FCI and also to the State Governments for construction of godowns. A total capacity of 1,84,175 MT has been completed by FCI and State Governments during the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17). This scheme has been extended from 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2022. A total capacity of 51,925 MT has been created by FCI & State Governments from 01.04.2017 to 31.01.2020.**