

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3771
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2020**

FUNCTIONAL AGRO WAREHOUSES UNDER FCI

3771. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

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

- (a) the details and number of functional agro warehouses under FCI in the country, State-wise;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware of any gap in the actual and desired number of agro warehouses;**
- (c) whether it is proposed to increase the number of agro warehouses; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the timeframe and revenue sources for the same?**

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

(a): As on 31.01.2020, a total of 2080 godowns and silos (2072 godowns and 8 silos) under Food Corporation of India (FCI) are functional across the country. The State-wise details are at Annexure.

(b) to (d): 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:-

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- 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 capacity of 51,925 MT has been created by FCI & State Governments from 01.04.2017 to 31.01.2020.
- iii. **Construction of Steel Silos:** In addition to conventional godowns, Government of India has also approved an action plan for construction of steel silos in the country for a capacity of 100 LMT in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for modernizing storage infrastructure and improving shelf life of stored foodgrains. As on 31.01.2020, steel silos of 7.25 LMT capacity have been created. In case of construction of silos under Non-Viability Gap Funding (non-VGF), no investment is made by the Government/FCI and only monthly rentals as per accepted bid are paid. While, in case of silos under Viability Gap Funding (VGF-National Institution for Transforming India [NITI Aayog]) model, the grant is provided by Government to the private party for locations where land is provided by FCI. As on 31.01.2020, the grant has been required for only one location at Kotkapura (Punjab). In case of VGF silos (Department of Economic Affairs model) the land is purchased by concessionaire and is transferred to FCI for which the land cost is paid by the Government from the Budgetary allocation, as on 31.01.2020, only two locations i.e. Kaimur and Buxar are covered under this model.

In addition, godowns are hired by FCI under Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS) to address immediate/urgent requirement of storage space. Godowns under PWS can be hired after hiring all the capacity available with CWC/State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs)/State Agencies/PEG capacity available.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3771 FOR ANSWER ON 17.03.2020 IN THE LOK SABHA.

The State-wise details of no. of godowns and silos available with FCI (both owned and hired) for the storage of Central Pool stock of foodgrains (as on 31.01.2020):

Sl. No.	Region/Union Territory	No. of Godowns	No. of silos	Total
1	Bihar	77	0	77
2	Jharkhand	45	0	45
3	Odisha	43	0	43
4	West Bengal	32	0	32
5	Arunachal Pradesh	11	0	11
6	Assam	41	0	41
7	Manipur	9	0	9
8	Nagaland	6	0	6
9	Meghalaya	6	0	6
10	Mizoram	7	0	7
11	Tripura	7	0	7
12	Delhi	6	0	6
13	Haryana	260	1	261
14	Himachal Pradesh	18	0	18
15	Jammu and Kashmir	32	0	32
16	Punjab	573	3	576
17	Rajasthan	139	0	139
18	Uttar Pradesh	233	0	233
19	Uttarakhand	21	0	21
20	Andhra Pradesh	62	0	62
21	Karnataka	68	1	69
22	Kerala	27	0	27
23	Tamil Nadu	64	2	66
24	Telangana	85	0	85
25	Chhattisgarh	54	0	54
26	Gujarat	33	0	33
27	Madhya Pradesh	28	0	28
28	Maharashtra	85	1	86
	Total	2072	8	2080
