

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1567
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th SEPTEMBER, 2020**

LOSS OF FOODGRAINS DUE TO INADEQUATE STORAGE

**1567. SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:**

**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 has taken cognizance of the fact that every year a lot of foodgrains get spoiled due to inadequate storage capacity of foodgrains in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the names of States having excess storage capacity at present;**
- (d) whether the excess foodgrain storage capacity has turned out to be the reasons for crisis in some States;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?**

A N S W E R

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

(a) & (b): No damage of Central Pool Foodgrains (wheat & rice) stored in godowns can be directly attributed to inadequate storage capacity.

As on 31.08.2020, storage capacity available with FCI and State agencies for storage of Central Pool Foodgrain is 816.89 Lakh MT [FCI- 414.85 LMT (owned and Hired) and State Agencies -402.04 LMT] against the total stock of 700.27 Lakh MT.

(c), (d), (e) & (f): The utilization of storage capacity depends upon the level of procurement, movement of foodgrains etc. and may differ from time to time. In procuring regions, the capacity utilization is maximum when procurement operations are going on but, subsequently, the stock is moved to deficit regions, which leads the storage capacity being surplus at micro level. The storage capacity is periodically monitored to ensure optimal capacity utilization and in case of any storage gap, steps are taken to create additional storage capacity by hiring through various State agencies and private sectors.
