

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.325
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15th SEPTEMBER, 2020**

ROTTING OF FOODGRAINS

325. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

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 food grains get spoiled due to inadequate storage capacity of foodgrains in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such shortage;**
- (c) the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (d) the names of the States having excess storage capacity at present?**

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
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(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 31.07.2020, storage capacity available with FCI and State agencies for storage of Central Pool Foodgrain is 781.22 Lakh MT [FCI-416.52 LMT (owned and Hired) and State Agencies -364.70 LMT] against the total stock of 766.68 Lakh MT.

(c): The storage capacity is periodically monitored in the country and based on the requirement and storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created by hiring through various State agencies and private sectors.

(d): 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.
