

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.380
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15th SEPTEMBER, 2020**

INADEQUATE STORAGE CAPACITY

**380. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:**

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

- (a) the total number of warehouses in the country along with the foodgrains storage capacity thereof;
- (b) 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;
- (c) if so, 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?

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

(a) to (c): As on 31.08.2020, there are 2084 Food Corporation of India (FCI) warehouses (owned & hired) and the storage capacity on that date including covered and Cover and Plinth (CAP) is approximately 817 LMT against total stocks of 700.27 LMT.

No damage to foodgrains is directly attributed to lack of adequate storage capacity. Foodgrains stocked with FCI are preserved scientifically. A negligible quantity become non-issuable due to various reasons mainly:

- i. Due to natural calamities like cyclone/flood damages.**
- ii. Transit damages viz. enroute damage in wagon/truck due to contamination, wagon roof leakage etc.**
- iii. In some cases due to negligence of officials/officers, for which suitable disciplinary action against defaulters are invariably taken.**

The quantum of damaged foodgrains in FCI during the last three years and current year is tabulated below:

Year	Damage Accrual in FCI (in LMT)	% Damaged foodgrains against offtake quantity
2017-18	0.027	0.006
2018-19	0.05	0.01
2019-20	0.02	0.004
2020-21 (as on 31-07-20)	0.0151	0.0056

Government of India, in 2016, 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.

(d): Total Capacity available with FCI is as per requirement. 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. This leads to liquidation of stock and the utilization of capacity also goes down hence, the capacity temporarily becomes surplus at micro level but overall, i.e., at macro level, the capacity with FCI is as per requirement.