

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.290
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th MARCH, 2021

SHORTAGE OF WAREHOUSES

†*290. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

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

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of warehouses and cold storages in all the States including Haryana;
- (b) if so, the details of existing warehouses and cold storages in the country, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the action plan of the Government to increase their capacity;
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any time limit in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
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(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. *290 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16.03.2021 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) to (e): Food Corporation of India (FCI) stores Wheat, Rice and Pulses which do not require cold storage. Requirement of storage capacity depends on the level of procurement & offtake under National Food Security Act (NFSA) & Other Welfare Scheme (OWS). FCI continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on the storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/hired.

Total storage capacity [both covered and Cover & Plinth (CAP)] available with FCI (owned as well as hired) and State Agencies for storage of central pool stocks as on 31st March during the last five years & as on 31.01.2021 with corresponding stock position in central pool is given below:

As on	Storage capacity owned by FCI	Storage capacity hired by FCI	Storage capacity with State agencies	Total Storage capacity to store Central Pool Stock	Stock position
31.03.16	154.07	203.82	456.95	814.84	366.99
31.03.17	154.21	352.71	420.22	772.93	311.40
31.03.18	154.44	208.06	480.53	843.03	381.04
31.03.19	153.35	235.30	322.67	711.32	463.86
31.03.20	153.79	258.24	343.91	755.94	569.39
31.01.21	152.80	256.61	397.52	806.93	561.93

As such, there is sufficient capacity for storage of central pool foodgrains at the national level. State wise no. of storage available with FCI is at Annexure-I.

Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC):

CWC is operating 423 warehouses throughout the country with a total operational storage capacity of 131.23 lakh MT as on 1st February, 2021. CWC is not operating any cold storage facility in the country. The State wise details of CWC warehouses is at Annexure - II.