

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1298
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th February, 2021**

STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS BY PRIVATE AGENCIES

1298. SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL

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

- (a) the rates of rent offered by Food Corporation of India (FCI) for hiring the godown/storage space in Punjab and Haryana for storage of foodgrains;**
- (b) whether large corporates are also being promoted/engaged for creation of Silo space for storage by FCI;**
- (c) if so, the details of rate agreement and salient points of the deals between FCI and large corporates;**
- (d) whether this has adversely affected the farmers and consumers' interests; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?**

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

(a): The rates of rent offered by FCI for hiring the godown in Punjab & Haryana under PEG Scheme is attached at Annexure-I.

The rate of rent offered by FCI for hiring the godown / storage space in Punjab & Haryana under CAP Hiring Scheme 2019 is attached at Annexure-II.

The rate of rent offered by FCI for hiring the godown / storage space in Punjab & Haryana under PWS Scheme is attached at Annexure-III.

For hiring of godown from CWCs/SWCs, Rs.5.39 per bag per month is payable for the year 2018-19.

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The rates of rent at which silos have been awarded in Punjab and Haryana for storage of foodgrains are as under:

Location	Capacity in MT	Rate of Award (In Rs. Per MT/Annum)	Remarks
Sangrur, Punjab	1,00,000	792.00	Being used
Barnala, Punjab	50,000	1,319.00	Being used
Patiala, Punjab	50,000	972.00	Being used
Kotkapura, Punjab	25,000	1,168.80 5.69 Crore (Grant)	Being used
Moga, Punjab	2,00,000	2,000.00	Being used
Kaithal, Haryana	2,00,000	2,000.00	(Circuit Base model)
Jind, Haryana	50,000	1,152.00	Under Construction
Panipat, Haryana	50,000	1,370.90	Under Construction
Bhattu, Haryana	50,000	1,212.00	Under Construction
Sonepat, Haryana	50,000	1,476.00	Under Construction
Rohtak, Haryana	50,000	1,337.00	Under Construction
Batala, Punjab	50,000	1,323.00	Under Construction
Chhehreata, Punjab	50,000	1,368.00	Under Construction
Jalalabad, Punjab	50,000	1,197.00	Under Construction
Sahnewal, Punjab	50,000	1,168.80 0.67 Crore (Premium)	Under Construction

(b): No Sir. FCI floats open E-tender enquiries for silos in which the eligible entities who fulfill the minimum eligibility criteria can participate. The project cost of silo projects may vary from Rs. 22 Crore to Rs. 85 Crore depending upon the capacity and type of silos. The eligibility requirement for Technical capacity is 100% of Project cost and financial capacity is 25% of the project cost. As the project cost is not high, even medium scale enterprises participate. FCI has awarded silo projects to 13 different bidders. All silo projects are in PPP mode which has been awarded after following a transparent and open competitive bidding process.

(c): Question does not arise.

(d): No Sir. Steel Silo storage with bulk handling facility is highly mechanized and modernized way of storing of food grains in bulk. It ensures better preservation of food grains and enhances its shelf life. If food grains are stored in Silos and transported in bulk, losses due to theft, pilferage and transportation would be negligible compared to food grains storage in bags in conventional warehouses.

(e): Question does not arise.
