GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2456 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD AUGUST, 2021

WAREHOUSE AND SILOS

2456. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI:

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 planned to develop product specific warehouses and silos in the country in a bid to reduce/minimize logistic cost and storage cost;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of funds sanctioned particularly for developing product specific warehouses and silos in the State of Gujarat?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): Warehouses owned/hired by Food Corporation of India (FCI) are used for storing wheat, rice and paddy and they are not product specific. However, silos are product specific for wheat and rice. For development of silos, Government of India has made an Action Plan for construction of steel silos on PPP (Public Private Partnership) mode in the country.

(b): Till date Silos with capacity of 29.75 LMT at various locations throughout country have been awarded. Out of which a capacity of 10.625 LMT is complete and remaining is under various stages of development. Further, High Level Committee (HLC) in its Meeting dated 16.07.2021 has recommended total 249 locations with capacity of 108.375 LMT under Hub & Spoke mode across the country.

In addition, in 2007-09, silos at 7 locations with capacity of 5.50 LMT were constructed under circuit base model, for bulk storage of wheat.

(c): As silos are constructed under PPP mode, no funds are sanctioned for the purpose in the State of Gujarat.
