

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.156  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022

PROPER STORAGE OF FOOD

†156. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

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

- (a) whether about 50,000 tonnes of food grains are wasted every year due to lack of proper storage system in the country;
- (b) if so, the storage capacity of food grains in the country and whether better facilities are available in it;
- (c) the annual loss due to wastage of food grains and the plan of the Government to increase the storage capacity;
- (d) whether scientific storage facilities are available in all the grain storage locations of FCI; and
- (e) whether cooperation with the private sector is being considered for increasing the storage capacity and if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

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

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- (a): No Sir. No quantity of Central Pool Foodgrain stocks (wheat and rice) gets wasted due to lack of proper storage system in the country.
  - (b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.
  - (c): During the year 2020-21, Food Corporation of India (FCI) handled a quantity of 688.57 LMT foodgrains, out of which a meagre quantity *i.e.* 0.02 LMT has been declared as damaged in its godowns and its estimated value is Rs. 2.77Crore. However, Government continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on the storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/hired.
  - (d): Yes Sir.
  - (e): Yes Sir. FCI augments its storage capacity in the following schemes through private sector:
    - Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme for construction of covered storage.
    - Creation of Silo under PPP mode.

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