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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4487 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH MARCH, 2022

STORAGE CAPACITY IN MAHARASHTRA

†4487. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

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

- (a) whether a large quantity of foodgrains is left to rot or is wasted because of lack of sufficient storage space;
- (b) if so, the details of quantity of foodgrains produced, procured, stored and damaged along with the required, available and leased storage capacity by Food Corporation of India (FCI) during each of the last three years and current year in Maharashtra;
- (c) the details of the steps taken for the construction of additional storage space with private partnership along with the assistance provided by the Government including the storage capacity created during the said period; and
- (d) the steps taken for sufficient storage and management of foodgrains to ensure adequate use of these foodgrains under various welfare schemes?

ANSWER

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

- (a): No Sir. No quantity of Central Pool Foodgrains stocks (wheat and rice) are left to rot or wasted due to lack of scientific storage space.
- (b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c): Government of India has chalked out an action plan for construction of Steel silos on PPP mode in the country. Silos with capacity of 29.25 LMT have been awarded till date and a capacity of 11.125 LMT is complete.
- (d): Government continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on the storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/hired.