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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1825 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2022

ASSESSMENT OF FOODGRAINS STORAGE CAPACITY

1825. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH: SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

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

- (a) whether FCI continuously assesses the storage capacity of foodgrains and maintains buffer stock; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Food Corporation of India (FCI) continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on the storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/hired through following schemes:-
 - 1. Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme
 - 2. Central Sector Scheme (CSS)
 - 3. Construction of Silo's under PPP mode
 - 4. Hiring of godown from Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)/ State
 Warehousing Corporations (SWCs)/State Agencies
 - 5. Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS)

At present, Buffer stocking norms for storage of wheat and rice (w.e.f. 22.01.2015) are as under:

(Fig. in LMT)

As on	Operational stock			Strategic Reserve		Grand
	Rice	Wheat	Total	Rice	Wheat	Total
1 st April	115.80	44.60	160.40	20.00	30.00	210.40
1 st July	115.40	245.80	361.20	20.00	30.00	411.20
1st October	82.50	175.20	257.70	20.00	30.00	307.70
1 st January	56.10	108.00	164.10	20.00	30.00	214.10

As on 01.07.2022, Covered storage capacity available with FCI is 413 LMT and with State Agencies, it is 362.77 LMT for storage of central pool foodgrains.
