

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.567
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2022

STORAGE CAPACITY OF FCI

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

- (a) the total storage capacity of Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the year 2021-22, State-wise particularly in Haryana;
- (b) the total quantity of food grains wasted in FCI godowns during the lockdown period;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the wastage of valuable food grains;
- (d) whether the Government has mapped the causes of food wastage (weather storage, humidity, etc.); and
- (e) if so, the strategy that has been devised to reduce such wastage?

A N S W E R

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

(a): As on 31.03.2022, Covered Storage Capacity available with Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State agencies for storage of Central Pool foodgrains stock was 788.42 Lakh MT. The state-wise details are at Annexure-I.

(b): During lockdown period from April, 2020 to August, 2020, 1573 tonnes of foodgrains accrued as non-issuable, of which 1455 tonnes of foodgrains got non-issuable in Odisha due to flood and cyclone.

(c) to (e): FCI is storing & handling large quantities of foodgrains over longer period for distribution under various welfare schemes of Government. It also maintains buffer & strategic reserve for the country to ensure food security. However, if any stocks become non-issuable, each of such cases of non-issuable stocks is investigated by a team of officers and the cause of such non-issuable stocks is examined in a time bound manner.

Rain, flood, cyclone and operational issues are the reasons for accrual of non-issuable foodgrains in FCI during 2021-22.

Steps taken by FCI to reduce the wastage of foodgrains are at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION
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Storage Capacity with FCI and State Govt. Agencies as on 31.03.2022

(Fig. in LMT)

Sl. No.	State	Total Covered Storage Capacity with FCI			Total Covered Storage Capacity with State Agencies including SWCs (excluding capacities given to FCI) for storage of foodgrains State Agencies	Grand Total
		Owned	Hired	Total		
1	BIHAR	4.07	7.00	11.07	4.66	15.73
2	JHARKHAND	0.79	3.44	4.23	0.00	4.23
3	ODISHA	3.65	2.79	6.44	5.80	12.24
4	WEST BENGAL	9.53	1.06	10.60	9.10	19.70
5	SIKKIM	0.11	0.01	0.11	0.12	0.23
6	ASSAM	3.74	1.66	5.40	0.00	5.40
7	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0.38	0.02	0.40	0.00	0.40
8	MEGHALYA	0.17	0.09	0.26	0.00	0.26
9	MIZORAM	0.32	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.32
10	TRIPURA	0.40	0.08	0.48	0.00	0.48
11	MANIPUR	0.59	0.04	0.63	0.17	0.80
12	NAGALND	0.42	0.16	0.58	0.08	0.65
13	DELHI	3.27	0.00	3.27	0.00	3.27
14	HARYANA	8.75	53.85	62.60	33.30	95.90
15	HIMCHAL PRADESH	0.24	0.64	0.88	0.00	0.88
16	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0.95	1.18	2.12	0.00	2.12
17	LADAKH	0.25	0.07	0.31	0.00	0.31
18	PUNJAB	27.37	96.67	124.04	54.41	178.45
19	CHANDIGARH	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.06
20	RAJASTHAN	8.39	14.40	22.79	0.00	22.79
21	UTTAR PRDESH	16.29	39.20	55.49	0.00	55.49
22	UTTARAKHAND	0.73	1.19	1.92	0.83	2.75
23	ANDHRA PRADESH	9.00	0.60	9.60	19.07	28.66
24	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.03	0.10
25	TELANGANA	6.68	15.63	22.31	0.85	23.16
26	KERALA	6.02	0.15	6.17	2.74	8.91
27	KARNATKA	4.60	5.21	9.81	0.00	9.81
28	LAKSHDWEEP	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03
29	TAMILNADU	7.08	8.77	15.85	14.77	30.62
30	PADDUCHERRY	0.52	0.00	0.52	0.00	0.52
31	GUJRAT	4.93	3.44	8.37	0.58	8.95
32	DADAR NAGAR HAVELI	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
33	MAHARASHTRA	9.23	10.47	19.70	0.04	19.74
34	GOA	0.19	0.06	0.25	0.00	0.25
35	MADHYA PRADESH	4.20	0.51	4.71	199.02	203.73
36	CHATTISGARH	6.32	8.97	15.29	16.17	31.46
	Total	149.27	277.41	426.69	361.73	788.42

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) TO (e) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 567 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 20.07.2022 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Steps taken by FCI to prevent wastage of foodgrains:-

- (i) Foodgrains are stored in scientifically constructed godowns and by adopting proper scientific code of storage practices.
- (ii) Adequate dunnage materials such as wooden crates, bamboo mats, polythene sheets are used to check migration of moisture from the floor to the foodgrains.
- (iii) Fumigation covers, nylon ropes, nets and insecticides for control of stored grain insect pests are provided in all the godowns.
- (iv) Prophylactic (spraying of insecticides) and curative treatments (fumigation) are carried out regularly and timely in godowns for the control of stored grain insect pests.
- (v) Effective rat control measures are taken.
- (vi) Foodgrains in 'Cover and Plinth' (CAP) storage are stored on elevated plinths and wooden crates are used as dunnage material. Stacks are properly covered with specifically fabricated low-density black polythene water -proof covers and tied with nylon ropes/nets.
- (vii) Regular periodic inspections of the stocks/godowns are undertaken by qualified and trained staff and all senior officers. The health of the foodgrains is monitored at regular intervals by a system of checks and super checks at different levels.
- (viii) The principle of "First in First Out" (FIFO) is followed so as to avoid longer storage of foodgrains in godowns.
- (ix) Only covered rail wagons are used for movement of foodgrains so as to avoid damage during transit.
- (x) Damage Monitoring Cells have been set up at District, Regional and Zonal levels to regularly monitor quality of stocks and reduce damages. In case any negligence is reported suitable action is taken against officers / officials found responsible.
- (xi) Identify & repair all the leakage point in the roof is done periodically.
- (xii) Cleaning of drainages in the godown premises ensured.
- (xiii) Ensure no seepage inside the godowns.
- (xiv) No clogging up of water in the premises.
