

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.582
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2022

FOODGRAINS STORAGE CAPACITY

582. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

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

- (a) **the details of the number of warehouses in the country along with the foodgrains storage capacity thereof including Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) **whether there is a shortage of foodgrains storage capacity within the country;**
- (c) **if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) **whether every year a lot of foodgrains get spoiled due to inadequate storage capacity of foodgrains in the country and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) **the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?**

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 01.07.2022, 2106 Godowns (Owned- 565, hired- 1541) with a total capacity of 775.77 LMT are operated by Food Corporation of India (FCI) including Tamil Nadu (Owned-10, Hired-40 with a total capacity of 29.82 LMT).

(b) & (c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): No foodgrains got spoiled due to inadequate storage capacity in FCI.
However, steps taken by FCI to prevent wastage of foodgrains are Annexed.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) & (e) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 582 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.
