

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2652
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2024

FOODGRAINS STORAGE CAPACITY IN KARNATAKA

2652. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

- (a) whether Karnataka State is facing acute shortage of foodgrains storage capacity and requires additional storage capacity and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the findings of warehousing gap assessment study conducted by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for effective storage capacity for PDS commodities in Karnataka along with reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the FCI, CWC and the Government of Karnataka have effectively solved this issue of acute shortage of foodgrains storage capacity; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) to (d): Karnataka is a Decentralised Procurement State (DCP). The state Government procure, store and distribute foodgrains as per their National Food Security Act (NFSA)/Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) requirement. In case of procurement less than requirement, the shortfall is bridged by Food Corporation of India (FCI) by inducting stock from States having surplus procurement. As on 01.11.2024, 9.82 LMT Covered storage capacities is available with FCI (owned – 4.61+hired – 5.21) in Karnataka for storing of food grains against stored stock of 8.73 LMT.

Further, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) is operating 33 warehouses in the state of Karnataka with a total storage capacity of 6.71 lakh MT including for storage of foodgrains.

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CWC has created a storage capacity of 1,34,046 MT during 2020-2024.

As per National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development (NABARD) the study was conducted during 2013-14. The study had projected storage capacity required by the year ending 2016-17 was 27.47 lakh MT and additional storage capacity required was 17.95 Lakh MT for PDS commodities.

Based on the study finding, Karnataka state Warehousing Corporation had posed proposals for construction of Rural Godowns to NABARD.
