

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2242
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2025

MODERNIZATION OF FCI STORAGE FACILITIES

2242. SHRI MANI A:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total storage capacity of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) as on date in the country including Tami Nadu;
- (b) whether the Government has initiated projects to modernize and digitize FCI's storage facilities;
- (c) if so, the details and timelines of these projects;
- (d) whether FCI has adequate storage capacity in remote and tribal areas to ensure food security; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen storage facilities in these regions?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
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(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a): Food Corporation of India (FCI) mainly stores wheat & rice after procurement for Public Distribution System (PDS) operation and to maintain buffer stock. As on 01.02.2025, total Covered Storage Capacity available with FCI and State agencies throughout the country (including Tamil Nadu) for storage of Central Pool foodgrain stock is 806.94 Lakh MT.

(b) & (c): FCI is already using Depot Online System (DOS) for real time capturing of food grain transactions at the depot level. Further, Self-Assessment Portal (Depot Darpan) has also been developed for modernization and digitization through rating & grading of storage infrastructure.

(d) & (e): Requirement of Storage capacity in FCI depends upon the level of procurement, requirement of buffer norms and Public Distribution System (PDS) operations for food grains (Rice and Wheat). FCI continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on the requirement and storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/hired through following schemes at a Pan India level:

1. Construction of Silos under Public Private Partnership(PPP) mode
2. Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme
3. Central Sector Scheme “Storage & Godowns”
4. Hiring of godown from Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)/ State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs)/State Agencies
5. Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS)
6. Creation of godowns under Asset Monetization
