

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1788  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2025**

**FCI DEPOTS**

**1788. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) is planning to open more base depots in the country; and
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done, if not, the reasons therefor?

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

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(a) & (b): As on 01.07.2025, total Covered Storage Capacity available with FCI (Owned-147.19 LMT+Hired-323.38 LMT) and State agencies for storage of Central Pool foodgrain stock is 821.36 Lakh MT.

Further, the requirement of Storage capacity in FCI depends upon the level of procurement, requirement of buffer norms and Public Distribution System (PDS) operations for Rice and Wheat mainly. 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) "Storage & Godowns" (Focus on NE) 2017-25

3. Construction of Silos under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode
4. Hiring of godown from Central warehousing Corporation (CWC)/State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs)/State Agencies
5. Hiring of godown through Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS).
6. Creation of godowns on FCI's owned land under Asset Monetization
7. Covered & Plinth Hiring (CAP) Scheme -2025
8. Modified PEG scheme for NE & Hilly states with longer guarantee period of 15 years

Under the Central Sector Scheme, only the projects, based on the storage gap assessment, were taken up by FCI for construction of **Owned Godowns** so as to increase the storage capacity. The scheme was only valid up to 31.03.2025.

The details of godowns being constructed under this scheme along with expected date of completion is attached at **Annexure – A**.

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## Central Sector Scheme (CSS) "Storage &amp; Godowns" (Focus on NE)

- Capacity in progress under CSS in North East Regions**

Sl. No	State	No. of projects	Location	Capacity (MT)	Expected completion date
1.	Assam	2	Kokrajhar	15000	As per the condition mentioned in the tender document
			Silchar	20000	
	Mizoram	1	Sairang	10000	
2.	Mizoram	1	Champai	3340	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>48,340</b>	

- Capacity in progress under CSS in Other than North East Regions**

Sl. No	State	Location	No. of Projects	Capacity (MT)	Expected completion date
1.	Himachal Pradesh	Mandi	1	3,340	As per the condition mentioned in the tender document