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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 723
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GODOWNS IN RAJAHMUNDRY AND KAKINADA REGION

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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) and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) godowns in the Rajahmundry and Kakinada region;
- (b): the details of the new godowns sanctioned under the 'World's Largest Grain Storage Plan' in the cooperative sector in the district;
- (c): the status of the modernization of the existing godowns to prevent the wastage of foodgrains due to pests and moisture;
- (d): the measures taken to promote the construction of rural godowns by the farmers under the Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) scheme; and
- (e): the Government's roadmap to create silo storage capacity in the Godavari district for bulk handling of grains?

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- (a): As on 01.01.2026, 14.35 LMT Covered storage capacities is available with FCI (Owned – 8.64 LMT & Hired-5.71 LMT) in Andhra Pradesh for storing of Central Pool foodgrains stocks.

As on 01.01.2026, a capacity of 39.38 LMT has been hired by FCI from CWC.

Details of the FCI Storage Capacity in Kakinada and Rajahmundry Region:

S.No.	Region	Name of the Depot	Capacity in MTs
1	Kakinada	BSC samalkot	62640
		FSD MD Kakinada	27492
			90132
2	Rajahmundry/East Godavari	FSD Biccavole	25056
		BSc Dowleswaram	62640
		FSD Nidadvole	18096
Total			105792

The Storage Capacity of CWC in Rajahmundry and Kakinada is 51,895 MT & 29,943 MT respectively.

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' welfare informed that 14,34,747 MT storage capacity was also sanctioned with subsidy release of Rs. 7871.65 lakh under Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) in Rajahmundry and Kakinada region.

(b): Ministry of Cooperation (MoC) envisages to create godowns at Primary Agriculture Cooperative Society (PACS) level by convergence of various Government schemes i.e. World's largest grain Storage Plan. The plan envisages storage of locally procured stocks at local PACS level and distribution thereafter in the same area. The plan has been rolled out as a Pilot Project.

Under this pilot project, construction of godowns in 11 PACS of 11 States has been completed. Further, under the Extended Pilot, more than 500 PACS across the country have been identified for the construction of godowns under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector. Andhra Pradesh was not a part of the pilot project of the plan.

(c): In order to keep its storage infrastructure robust and updated, the Government initiates various steps for modernization of warehouse/depot as under:

The SMART Warehouse Project: IoT Sensors technology is used in the warehouses to prevent foodgrains losses. Monitoring parameters including temperature, humidity, gas levels, airflow, and events such as unauthorized access, rodent, and insect activity. The project is in pilot mode.

Depot Darpan Portal: The Portal facilitates self-assessment, rating, and grading of FCI & CWC depots/ warehouses.

Installation of Modern CCTV Cameras: To modernize the existing godowns, modern CCTV cameras are being installed in all FCI (owned and hired) and CWC godowns.

Further, construction of internal roads along with cement concrete drains has been sanctioned at CW Rajahmundry and CW Kakinada to facilitate proper drainage and improve hygiene and storage conditions.

2496 number of existing godowns of cooperative sector of storage capacity of 23,26,031 MT have been assisted by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare for renovation/modernization under AMI sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM).

(d). The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Govt. of India has been implementing capital subsidy scheme, Rural Godown Scheme (RGS) for creation of scientific Storage capacity since 01.04.2001 and Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Grading & Standardization (AMIGS) since 20.10.2004 for creation of agricultural marketing infrastructure (other than storage). Both the schemes have been subsumed as "Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)" sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) since 01.04.2014, and is implemented across the country through its attached office, Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI).

Along with Agricultural Marketing infrastructure, creation of storage infrastructure including silo storage is also permissible under AMI sub-scheme of ISAM.

AMI is a Capital investment, open ended, demand driven, credit linked, back ended subsidy scheme. Beneficiaries viz, Individuals, Agripreneurs, farmers, FPOs, Cooperatives, and state agencies etc. are eligible for assistance. Under the scheme, the subsidy @ 33.33% for NER, hilly area, Women/SC/ST promoters, PACS & FPOs etc. and @25% for others is available.

Under AMI since inception and up to 31.12.2025 a total of 49,796 godowns of storage capacity of 982.94 lakh MT with subsidy release of Rs. 4832.61 crore has been assisted under AMI sub-scheme of ISAM.

(e): Andhra Pradesh Region is a Decentralized Procurement (DCP) State, it is submitted that the existing storage capacities available with FCI, together with the hired storage capacities availed on need basis from Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) / State Warehousing Corporations (SWC), are adequate and sufficient for handling and storage of foodgrains in the subject districts.

Further, No Silo Construction has been planned in the Godavari District.
