

the Annapoorna Scheme, to indigent old persons even in the case of those receiving old age pension from the State Governments; (vi) Foodgrains at CEP applicable for BPL families will be allocated for welfare schemes implemented by the various Ministries of the Government of India;

- (vii) Foodgrains will be allocated for development schemes (where the beneficiaries belong to BPL category), implemented by NGOs sponsored by the State Governments and endorsed by the administrative Ministry in the Government of India, as also by International Organisation like the World Food Programme;
- (viii) Government have also launched Antyodaya Anna Yojana on 25-12-2000. Under this scheme, Government will release wheat and rice @ Rs. 2/- and Rs. 3/- per kg. respectively subject to 25 kg. per family per month to approximately one crore poorest of the poor families all over the country, and the State Governments have accordingly been requested to identify these families.
- (ix) Certain measures have been taken by the Food Corporation of India to reduce costs, viz., reduction in incurrence of shortage, demurrages, better utilisation of storage space etc.

#### **FCI warehouses**

2650. SHRIB. J. PANDA : Will Uie Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS. FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of warehouses FCI has in the country and their capacity. State-wise;
- (b) the storage of foodgrains in these warehouses as on the 1st October. 2001 and their respective Figures during the preceding three years;
- (c) the wastage of foodgrains due to storage during the same period as a percentage of the total stock, and
- (d) the steps taken to reduce such wastages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS. FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The Food Corporation of India has a total of 2275 godowns (Owned & Hired/Covered and CAP) with a total storage capacity of 35.45 million tonnes as on 1-10-2001. Statewise details are given in Statement (*See below*).

(b) The quantity of foodgrains stored in these warehouses as on 1 st October, 2001 was 31.07 Million Tonnes and their respective figures in the three preceding years were as under :—

Year (Ason, 1st October)	Foodgrains Stored (Covered & CAP) In Million Tonnes
1997-1998	16.70
1998-1999	17.17
1999-2(XX)	22.71

(c) The wastage of foodgrains due to damages to the foodgrain stocks and percentage of the total stocks during the last three years and current years from 01-04-2001 to 31-10-2001 are as under:—

Year (as on 31/3)	Total Stocks (InLacMT)	5 jstocks wasted/ damaged Lac MY)	Percentage of locks damaged to Uie total stocks
	145.02	1.47	1.0%
19993000	192.88	2.14	1.1%
2(X)0-2(X)1	277.17	0.70	0.25%
2(X)1-2(X)2 (Upto 31-10-2001)	307.91	1.75	0.56%

(d) The stocks of foodgrains with FCI are preserved on scientific lines to prevent damage. The following steps are also taken to preserve foodgrains :— (i) Foodgrains are stored in rodent and damp proof godowns. (ii) Pest control measures are undertaken regularly, (iii) Qualified and technically traind staff is deployed for periodical

inspection and proper upkeep of foodgrains. (iv) To avoid damage in transit, the foodgrains are moved in covered wagons, as far as possible. When moved in open wagons, the same are covered with tarpauline etc. (v) They are subjected to prophylactic and curative treatments also, (vi) In CAP storage, the stocks are stored in wooden crates and covered with low density black polythene cover (LDPE), which are water proof. These are tied with nylon ropes to prevent damage by ballooning of covers during high velocity winds.

**Statement***State-wise details of godown of IXI*

S. No.	Name of the State/Union Territory	Number of Godowns	Capacity (In'000 Tonnes)
East Zone			
I	2	->	4
1.	Bihar	40	529.95
2.	Jharkhand	14	108.78
3.	Orissa	71	615.82
4.	West Bengal	51	1054.76
5.	Sikkim	2	8.25
Total of East Zone		183	2317.56
North East Zone			
6.	Assam	42	298.69
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	4	17.50
8.	Mizoram	5	18.95
9.	Manipur	4	19.50
10.	Mizoram	5	18.59
11.	Nagaland	6	30.55
12.	Tripura	7	31.57
Total of North East Zone		73	435.35
North Zone			
13.	Delhi	12	375.97
14.	Haryana	192	2347.86
15.	Himachal Pradesh	15	24.01
16.	Jammu & Kashmir	20	118.14
17.	Punjab/Chandigarh	638	12633.21
18.	Rajasthan	103	1887.24
19.	Uttar Pradesh	252	4006.52
20.	Uttarakhand	40	286.89
Total of North Zone		1272	21679.82

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South Zone			
21.	Andhra Pradesh	278	3575.25
22.	Kerala	31	582.66
23.	Karnataka	89	808.19
24.	Tamil Nadu	44	1063.00
25.	Pondicherry	6	94.85
Total of South Zone		448	6123.95
West Zone			
26.	Gujarat	52	985.85
27.	Maharashtra	88	1996.65
28.	Goa	1	15.00
29.	Madhya Pradesh	91	1024.21
30.	Chhattisgarh	67	867.76
Total of West Zone		299	4889.47
Grand Total (All India)		2275	35446.15

### Covering BPL families in Gujarat under PDS

2651. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the BPL families in Gujarat to be covered under the targeted PDS:

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) whether all of them have been given special ration cards; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE ON THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOKPRADHAN): (a) to (d) As per the report received from the State Government, the Government of Gujarat