

Source: Spices Board

*Un-graded auction price

- *Source:* Pepper-India Pepper and Spice Trade Association (IPSTA), Cochin
- Cardamom (Small)-Reports from Licensed auctioneers
- Other spices-Compiled based on the reports collected from different market centres.

Storage capacity of FCI

1630. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FCI had to hire space from various agencies such as CWC, SWCs, SAGs and private parties, as its own storage capacity was insufficient to accommodate the Central Pool Stock of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to increase the storage capacity of FCI during last four years and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Yes, Sir. Food Corporation of India (FCI) had to hire space from various agencies such as CWC, SWCs, State Agencies and private parties for storage of foodgrains as per requirement in view of the increased procurement and urgent storage needs.

(b) The monthly average storage capacity hired by FCI for storage of central pool stocks during the last three years and the current year is given as below:

(Fig. in Lakh MT)

As on	Storage capacity hired by FCI
31.03.10	133.59

As on	Storage capacity hired by FCI
31.03.11	160.03
31.03.12	179.64
31.03.13	221.02

Agency-wise details are given in Statement (*See below*).

(c) With regard to requirement of additional storage capacity in the country, Government of India/FCI is implementing a scheme called Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme for construction of storage capacity through Private Entrepreneurs, CWC and SWCs. Under this Scheme, storage capacity is created by private parties, CWC, SWCs and other State Agencies for guaranteed hiring by FCI. Accordingly, based on recommendations of State Level Committees (SLCs), a capacity of 203.76 lakh MT has been approved for construction of godowns at various locations in 19 states by High Level Committee (HLC). A capacity of 73.28 lakh MT has already been completed.

During the last four years *i.e.* 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13, in order to increase the storage capacity of FCI, a Plan target of 52,105 MT capacity has been fixed for the North Eastern and other difficult regions, out of which a capacity of 29,995 MT has been created as on 31.03.2013.

Statement

Statement showing the monthly average storage capacity with FCI as on 31st March, 2010 to 2013

(Fig. in lac tonnes)

As on 31st March	Covered								CAP				
	FCI Owned	State Govt.	Hired CWC	PEG	PWS 2010	SWC	Private Parties	Total Hired	Total Covered	Owned	Hired	Total	Grand Total
31.03.10	129.69	6.28	28.85			76.69	17.08	128.90	258.59	25.08	4.69	29.77	288.36
31.03.11	129.91	6.18	36.37			93.91	18.13	154.59	284.50	26.16	5.44	31.60	316.10
31.03.12	130.03	5.85	39.88			107.99	18.41	172.13	302.16	26.37	7.51	33.88	336.04
31.03.13	129.96	6.21	41.24	110.83	31.07	3.39	17.21	209.95	339.91	26.37	11.07	37.44	377.35

Abbreviation used:

CWC - Central Warehousing Corporation

PEG - Private Entrepreneur Guarantee Scheme

PWS - Private Warehousing Scheme

CWC - State Warehousing Corporations

CAP - Covered and Plinth