

Further, depending on requirement in specific areas and for modernization of the storage facilities, the Government implements the following schemes for construction of godowns and silos for storage of Central Pool Stocks in the country:—

- (i) **Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme:** Under this Scheme, which was formulated in 2008, storage capacity is created by private parties, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Government Agencies for guaranteed hiring by Food Corporation of India (FCI). A capacity of 142.62 Lakh MT (LMT) has been created as on 31.05.2019. Under this scheme, no funds are allocated by Government for construction of godowns and full investment is done by the private parties/CWC/State Agencies.
- (ii) **Central Sector Scheme (Erstwhile Plan Scheme):** This scheme is implemented in the North Eastern States along with a few other States. Funds are released by the Government to FCI and also directly to the State Governments for construction of godowns. A total capacity of 1,84,175 MT has been completed by FCI and State Governments during the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17). This scheme has been extended for 3 years from 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2020. A capacity of 49,375 MT has been created by FCI and State Governments from 01.04.2017 to 31.05.2019.
- (iii) **Construction of Steel Silos:** In addition to conventional godowns, Government of India has also approved an action plan for construction of steel silos in the country for a capacity of 100 LMT in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for modernizing storage infrastructure and improving shelf life of stored foodgrains. Against this, as on 31.05.2019, steel silos of 6.75 LMT capacity have been created.

Increase in retail food inflation

†2311. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the retail food inflation has increased in the last few months;
- (b) if so, whether Government mechanism has not been able to control the inflation;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to find out the reasons responsible for the said inflation; and

(d) the details of the hurdles being faced in controlling the increasing rates of essential food commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO): (a) and (b) Food inflation based on Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI), brought out by M/o Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) for recent months of current year (2019) has shown declining trend as compared to the corresponding months of last year. The details are as under:—

All India Average Food Inflation Rate (%)

CFPI	Months				
	January	February	March	April	May
2018	4.70	3.26	2.81	2.80	3.10
2019	-2.24	-0.73	0.30	1.10	1.83 (P)

P - Provisional.

Source: MoSPI

(c) No such survey has been conducted.

(d) No hurdle is being faced in controlling the increasing rate of essential food commodities.

Construction of godowns with private participation

2312. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to meet the shortage of covered storage, Government has come out with a guarantee scheme for construction of godowns with private participation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government was able to meet the shortage of covered storage space with the said programme; and